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IT is easy, almost inviting, to interpret the decision of the Communist bloc to vote against the General Assembly's resolution on disarmament as a repudiation of the previously expressed Soviet willingness to adopt a more conciliatory attitude to this controversial subject. Yet it is proper to recognise that Mr Vyshinsky kept the door open for a wider measure of agreement between the East and West when the Disarmament Commission next meets. The General Assembly's rejection of the Soviet amendment which sought to delete reaffirmation of its resolution adopted in January last year is understandable. As Mr Gross, the United States delegate emphasised, the 1952 resolution constituted the United Nations mandate and guidance to the Disarmament Commission, and was, therefore, a basic document. Mr Vyshinsky's reply was somewhat specious, but he did offer an unmistakable hint that when the Disarmament Commission met again the Communists would be looking for a compromise that could set the tempo for progress towards a general agreement on world disarmament. "If we dig the tunnel of friendship from both ends, we are likely to meet earlier half way," and in making this observation, the Soviet representative appeared to be pointing to the Russian offer to drop its previous demand for a general one-third reduction in armaments as a positive sign that the tunnel digging had started from the Communist end.

AS yet Russia has only suggested by inference that she is prepared to go to some lengths to reach an agreement with the rest of the Powers on disarmament and control of atomic energy, and the signs are that she will not further commit herself on the subject before the next conference of the Disarmament Commission. But obviously she is desirous of trying to create a favourable impression. The tone of Mr Vyshinsky's statements before the UN Political Committee yesterday was intended to be reassuring; moreover, Britain clearly believes that the crux of any satisfactory development lies in the attitude and behaviour of the Soviet Union in future meetings of the Disarmament Commission. Sir Gladwyn Jebb pointed this out when he observed that "We know the Soviet Union do not agree with all the principles and these differences of view are something we shall have to try and reconcile in the Disarmament Commission when it meets." It is still within Russia's power to call a stop to the cold war, more particularly as it affects relations between herself and the Western Powers in Europe. And the most tangible sign she can give of such a desire would be to support her recent verbal concessions relating to world disarmament with complementary action in the Disarmament Commission. It would be the greatest single act of good faith she could make, and its effect on the international situation would be immediate and of vast importance.

RUSSIA URGES PEACE PACT

Reaffirms Principle Of Compulsory Exchange Of POWs

United Nations, Apr. 9.

Soviet Russia today called for the conclusion of a peace pact among the five Great Powers and announced its adherence to the "principle of compulsory and unreserved exchange of all war prisoners in Korea."

Mr Andrei Vyshinsky, chief Soviet delegate, supporting before the United Nations Political Committee an omnibus Polish draft resolution on disarmament and Korean truce, said he would like to stress "with particular emphasis our support of a policy for the conclusion of a peace pact among the five Great Powers."

"We are convinced of our ultimate success in our championing of peace and co-operation. Millions of people throughout the world are interested in this."

Poll Favours Federation In Southern Rhodesia

Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, Apr. 9.

First eleven results in Southern Rhodesia's momentous poll went all in favour of a Central African Federation — by more than two votes to one.

The total vote in these eleven constituencies was 10,027 for Federation and 4,884 against.

With the declaration of 13 of the 30 results the Federationists were leading by 17,134 votes to 9,007.

Polling went off quietly today in the referendum which may determine the future of nearly 7,000,000 people.

If Southern Rhodesia says "Yes" the Legislative Council in the neighbouring British territories of Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland are expected to accept the Federation scheme commended to them by Britain.

Opponents of Federation have played upon Europeans' fears that they will be swamped by Africans if the three territories federate. The 500,000 square miles concerned house 6,400,000 Africans, 200,000 Europeans, and 14,500 Asians.

The case for Federation is that it will make possible political and economic progress and that a strong unit in Central Africa will give the whole continent stability.—*Reuter.*

ATTLEE MAKING GOOD RECOVERY

London, Apr. 9.

Mr Clement Attlee, 70, leader of the British Labour Party, has made a good recovery from a recent operation for appendicitis and will leave hospital tomorrow, it was announced today.—*Reuter.*

SMUGGLERS USE A HEARSE

Turin, Apr. 9.

Turin police last night found hundreds of pairs of nylon stockings in a coffin being carried in a hearse.

They arrested three men dressed as undertakers.—*Reuter.*

Greece Devalues Her Currency

Athens, Apr. 9.

Greece has devalued her currency, doubling the value of the pound sterling and the American dollar. It was announced by the Minister of Economic Co-ordination, M. Spiro Marchezini, here today.

The pound sterling hitherto valued at 42,000 drachmas will be worth 84,000 drachmas and the American dollar hitherto worth 18,000 drachmas will be 36,000 drachmas.

All other foreign currencies would also be doubled in value.

Broadcasting from Athens Radio M. Marchezini said that the Government's decision would "stop the economic abnormality of Greece's financial life" and favour Greek exports.

In September 1949 Greece devalued the drachma from 32,000 to the pound and 10,000 to the American dollar to 42,000 to the pound and 18,000 to the dollar.

This followed the devaluation of the pound by Britain.

This is the fifth devaluation of the drachma since Greece was liberated at the end of the war.—*Reuter.*

5-POWER

Rome Demonstration



Italian war disabled men stage a demonstration outside the Senate House in Rome, demanding higher war pensions.—*London Express.*

No Washington Decision Reached Yet On Future Of Korea Or Formosa

Washington, Apr. 9.

The White House said today the Eisenhower Administration has reached no conclusion that a permanent division of Korea is either desirable or feasible.

Further, Press Secretary James C. Hagerty told reporters, the Administration has never decided that such a division would be "consistent with the decisions of the United Nations."

And he also said there has been no consideration of a United Nations trusteeship for Formosa.

The statement came at a time when mounting possibilities for a temporary truce in Korea had stirred widespread discussion of plans for negotiating a more final, long-term peace settlement for the war-wrecked land.

It was noted that the White House pronouncement did not rule out any future agreement on some sort of division of Korea. It merely stressed that no conclusions or decisions have been reached yet.

It is known that a North-South dividing line at the narrow waist of Korea, about 80 miles north of the present battle lines, is one idea which has been receiving official consideration here.

Hagerty said he was making his statement in response to requests for comment on a story in the New York Times today. The Times said "the Eisenhower Administration is willing to accept a settlement based on a boundary at the narrow waist of the peninsula."

Exchange Of POWs Latest

Tokyo, Apr. 10.

A pooled dispatch from correspondents at Panmunjom today said a Communist correspondent told them 120 Americans, 20 British and 15 of other nationalities were included in the non-Korean sick and wounded prisoners who would be handed over by the Communists under the exchange agreement.

The Communists requested a recess until 2 p.m., after the meeting this morning had lasted 29 minutes.—*Reuter.*

STOP PRESS

The stated UN policy has been to seek unification of all Korea under a single free, democratic government.

The Times also said the Administration "is casting about for a solution that would assure an independent Formosa," the island retreat of Nationalist China's Chiang Kai-shek.

"A possibility being considered," the Times said, "is a United Nations trusteeship for that strategic island with the creation of a Republic of Formosa as the ultimate goal."

Hagerty's statement said: "The reported Administration policy on Formosa and Korea is without foundation of fact."

"No consideration has been given by the Administration to a United Nations trusteeship for Formosa."

"Likewise, the Administration has never reached any conclusion that a permanent division of Korea is desirable or feasible, or consistent with the decisions of the United Nations."

Arthur Krook, Washington correspondent of the Times, commented: "The New York Times was only one of several reputable newspapers and Press Associations that published the story that the White House and the Department of State have now denied."

WIRE CROSSING

"Yesterday morning the Wall Street Journal's Washington report of the same Administration planning was stated even more fully than in the New York Times Dispatch today. All the accounts came from the same high source, their publication was authorised and they generally agreed."

"It is another instance of the Administration getting its wires crossed and blaming the consequences on the Press."

On Capitol Hill, Chairman William F. Knowland (Republican-California) of the Senate Republican Policy Committee said it seemed unbelievable to him that any decision had been reached on a permanent division of Korea.

Knowland said he had received an assurance from Secretary of State John Foster Dulles that Dulles had given out no such statement. Knowland called for an investigation to find where the story had originated.

"It is extremely important that this kind of loophole be stopped now because this nation cannot have two Secretaries of State," Knowland commented. "It must speak with one voice through President Eisenhower and Secretary Dulles."—*Associated Press.*

Important Pact Announced By US And W. Germany

Washington, Apr. 9.

United States and West German Government leaders today announced a far-reaching agreement in the diplomatic, trade, strategic and cultural field.

A joint communique was issued at the conclusion of three days of talks between the Eisenhower administration and a German delegation headed by the German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer.

It said the United States Government promised:

1. To supply military equipment to the European Defence Community to assist in equipping the German contingents, once the treaty has been ratified.
2. To consider how best to improve economic conditions in Berlin through investment and other programmes.
3. To give careful consideration to the heavy burden on Western Germany of refugees and those expelled from Communist Germany and beyond.
4. To re-examine the status of war criminals now in United States custody and to "look forward to the possible adoption of new review procedures with German participation as soon as German ratification of the EDC and the contractual agreements was completed."
5. To put Germany on the same level as other European countries in the placing of contracts for offshore procurement.

The communique added that Mr Eisenhower, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and other members of the Cabinet had "a full and frank exchange of views on the world situation in general and on American-German relations in particular."

The communique said: "The President and the Chancellor discussed the effects which recent developments in the Soviet orbit might have on the East-West conflict."

"They were fully agreed that while no opportunity should be missed to bring about a general relaxation of tension, the free nations of the West must not relax their vigilance nor diminish their efforts to increase their unity and common strength."

"They were further agreed that if the Soviet rulers are genuinely desirous of peace and co-operation among all nations they could furnish no better proof of their goodwill than by permitting genuinely free elections in the Soviet-occupied zone of Germany and by releasing the hundreds of thousands of German civilian deportees and war prisoners still in Soviet hands."—*Reuter.*

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Thorez On Way Back To Paris

Helmsted, Apr. 9.

Maurice Thorez, France's No. 1 Communist, crossed into West Germany here at 6.50 p.m. (2.50 a.m. Friday HKST) today, en route to Paris from Moscow where he went in 1950 for his health.

West German customs police said he was aboard an international train from Berlin to Paris via Cologne.

Berliners were unable to talk to him.

The police said Thorez was brought to Marienberg, in East Germany opposite here, in a special train with Polish soldiers and guards aboard.—*Associated Press.*

Role For India Predicted

London, Apr. 9.

Well-informed quarters said tonight that India was most likely to be chosen as the neutral country where prisoners of war in Korea, who refuse to be repatriated would be sent.

It was expected that Pandit Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, would send detailed proposals to this effect to Peking over the week-end.—*France-Press.*

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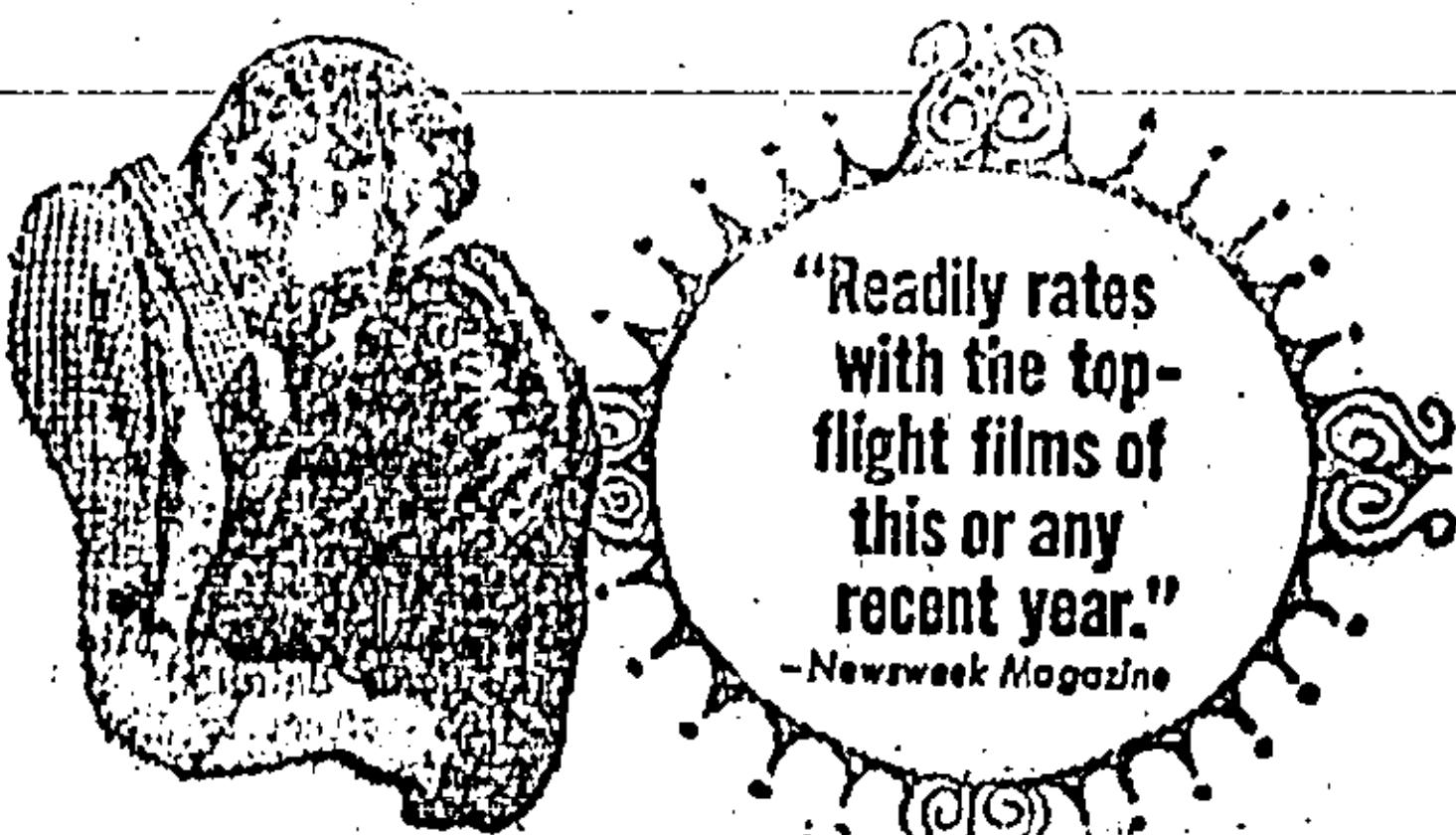
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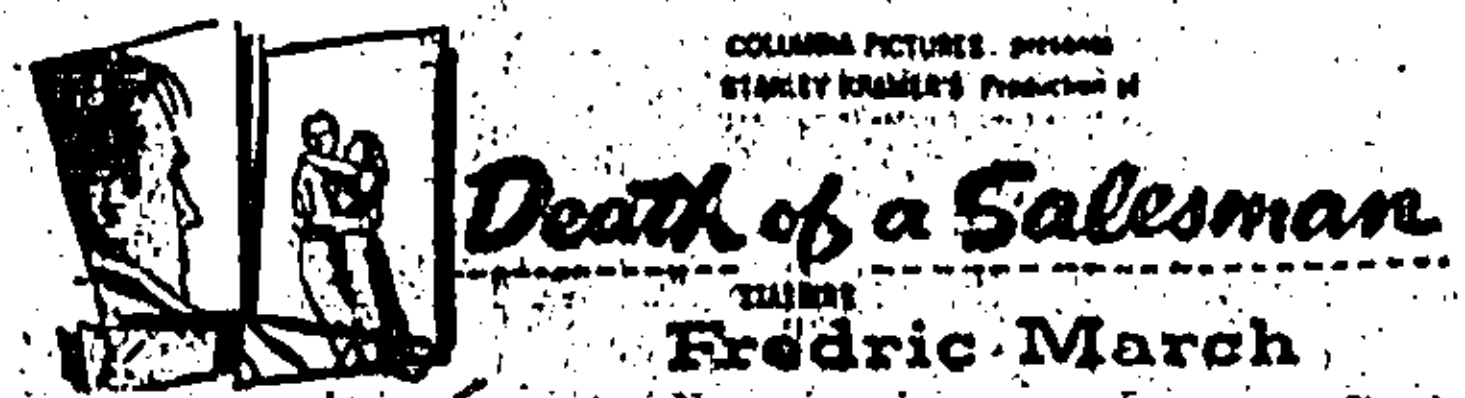


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UN's New Secretary-General Goes "Under Cover"



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East-West Trade Talks Planned Early In Geneva

London, Apr. 9. West European nations will meet with Russia and her satellites in Geneva next week to examine prospects for developing East-West trade, it was officially stated here today.

The meeting, planned some time past, coincides with the Kremlin's latest peace offensive and it is expected to afford another occasion for the Soviet bloc to display some goodwill gestures.

The meeting will be attended by experts from members of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe which includes Iron Curtain countries in Europe as well as Western nations.

In a secret session it is to review the possibility of an expansion of East-West trade in those fields where a ban on exports to Communist nations apply. But there is no intention on the part of the West to discuss with the Soviet trade in strategic goods at present.

It is expected that the meeting will be held in Geneva, which has proved highly inconvenient to her and even more so to her satellites.

If the meeting reaches agreed recommendations they will be considered subsequently by the governments concerned and may later lead to bilateral trade arrangements.

NO BINDING DECISIONS The meeting will take no decisions which are binding on the governments represented at it.

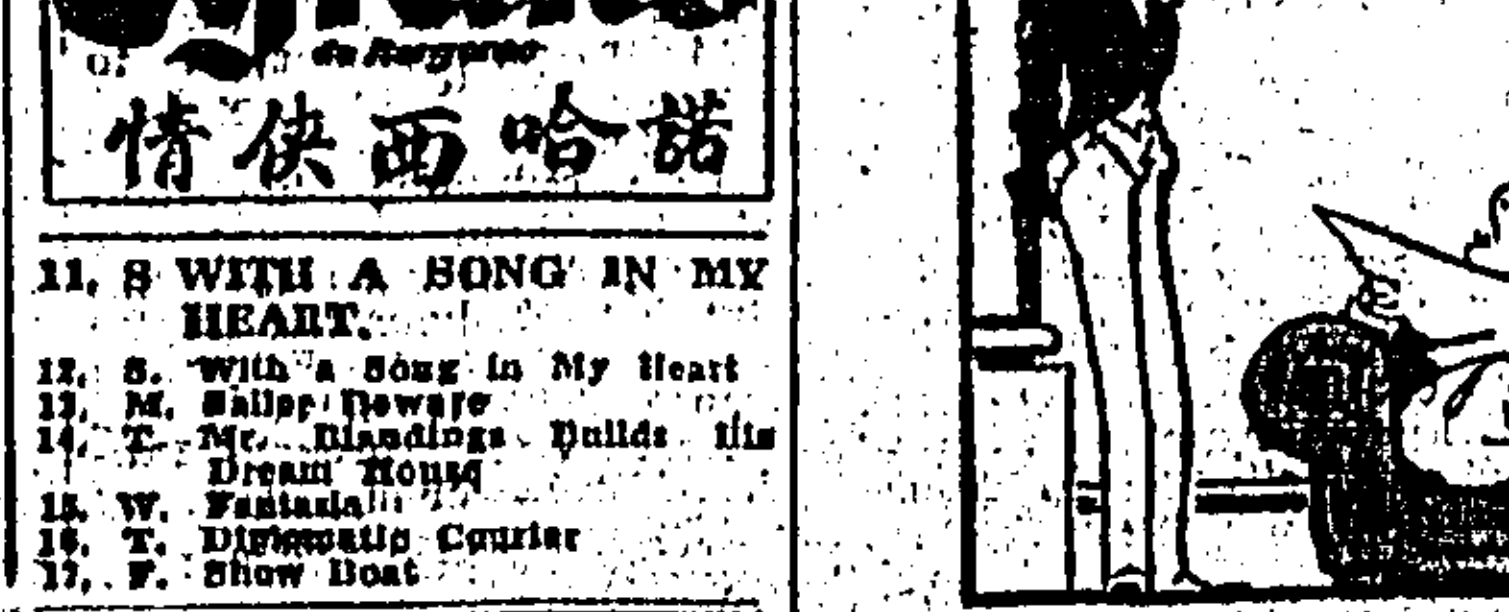
While limitations on strategic goods remained there was still scope in principle for trade in other goods—a wide range of industrial manufactures, textiles and consumer goods of all sorts in exchange for grain and timber from behind the Iron Curtain.

Britain, which will be represented by experts from the Board of Trade and the Ministry of Food, holds that she could do more trading with Russia and East Europe because she wants Russian non-dollar grain and timber and a variety of foodstuffs from other East European nations.

Other European countries would also want more trade provided it remained within the scope of non-strategic commodities.—United Press.

Zorine Pulls Out New York, Apr. 9. Soviet circles confirmed here today that M. Valerine Zorine, who has been replaced by M. Andrei Vyshinsky as permanent Soviet delegate to the United Nations, will leave the United States on Friday for Moscow.

The same circles said that they did not know M. Zorine's new post.—France-Press.



Hopeful World Is Entering Phase Of Lesser Tension

New York, Apr. 9. Mr Dag Hammarskjöld, who flew here from Sweden today to take up his post as new Secretary-General of the United Nations, told reporters he hoped the world was "entering a period of less tension."

He was answering questions in the restaurant of the airport here. His predecessor in office, Mr Trygve Lie, sat at his side.

Quiet and smiling, Mr Hammarskjöld opened his first press conference with "a few general remarks."

He said: "Like all those engaged in diplomacy and politics, I have my own personal views on the great questions facing us."

"Those views are my own, views as a private man. In my capacity as an international public servant, however, the private man shall disappear."

He was asked about his immediate plans. He broke into a broad smile as he said: "To go under cover."

Again, discussing the difficulties of the job, Mr Hammarskjöld said: "We know them very well and how they look."

Asked if he looked upon his job as Secretary-General as a "go-between" from the East to the West, he said his conception of the job was that "the Secretary-General should be available to all the parties concerned."

He declined to comment on developments in Moscow since the death of Mr Stalin, saying: "I think it would not be appropriate for me to go on to any political question."

He was asked if that included Korea, and he replied: "Certainly."

SHARING HOPES Asked if he would say something about the changed attitude of the Soviet Union and its satellites toward the West, Mr Hammarskjöld clasped his hands and leaned forward on the table as he replied: "Would anybody go further than I when I say we all share the hope that we are entering on a period of less tension?"

Asked if he planned to return to Sweden soon, he said: "You can easily guess that I will have to return to Sweden to wind up some affairs of my Ministry. However, my feeling is that I should stay here until I see what the difficulties of the job are. I would not like to return until I had that feeling of safety."

Mr Hammarskjöld's name as pronounced by the reporters underwent a wide variety of distortions and interpretations, until one of them asked for the correct pronunciation.

"Well, we say Hammarskjöld, but if you call me Mr Hammarskjöld, I will understand," he said.—Reuter.

At the press conference concluded, Mr Hammarskjöld and Mr Lie went to the restaurant foyer where the newsworld cameras were set up. In introducing Mr Hammarskjöld before the cameras, Mr Lie remarked: "You are going to take on the most impossible job on earth."

Pledge Against Nationalisation New Delhi, Apr. 9. The government of India has given the U.S. Caltex Oil Company a 25-year guarantee against nationalisation, K. C. Reddy, Production Minister, said today.

He told the Lower Chamber of Parliament that the main provisions of the agreement were signed on March 25.

Caltex has been authorised to build a refinery at Vishakhapatnam harbour, with an initial capacity of 500,000 long tons. Work is scheduled to start early in 1955.

Reddy said 25 per cent of the issue capital of the new company will be offered to Indian investors.—Associated Press.

RAF's Latest London, Apr. 9. The Royal Air Force is to show Ceylon its latest long range maritime reconnaissance aircraft now in service, the four-engined Avro Shackleton Mark 2 performance, details of which are still secret.

Six of these aircraft will visit Ceylon in mid-April. Three of them will then visit South Africa and the other three will return to Britain direct.—Reuter.

Thailand Gets Ready For Trouble Bangkok, Apr. 9. The Ministry of the Interior has ordered all Government offices in the northern provinces to make arrangements to this important official documents to Bangkok in case of a Communist invasion, it was stated by Major-General M. K. Karbunjan, Director General of the Public Relations Department.

"If a truce is actually achieved in Korea Thailand is prepared for any change in Communist strategy which may occur."

Premier Phibuns Secretariat-General said that he could not now predict that the Chinese Reds would turn their attention to South-East Asia after a settlement of Korean affairs, but "the Phibun Government already has plans which would be set in motion immediately there is an indication of a possible Communist attack here."

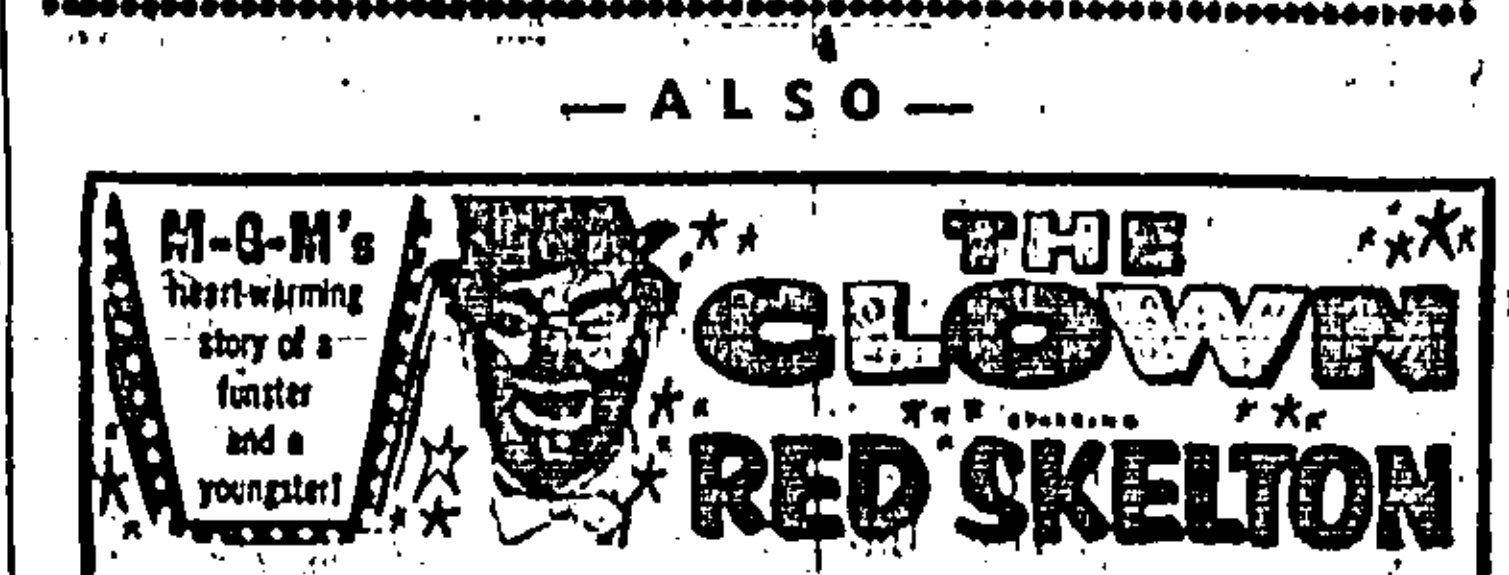
He said that the plans included the evacuation of the civilian population from strategic centres, the removal of official documents, the establishment of a Chinese volunteer corps Home Guard and other foreign communities.—United Press.

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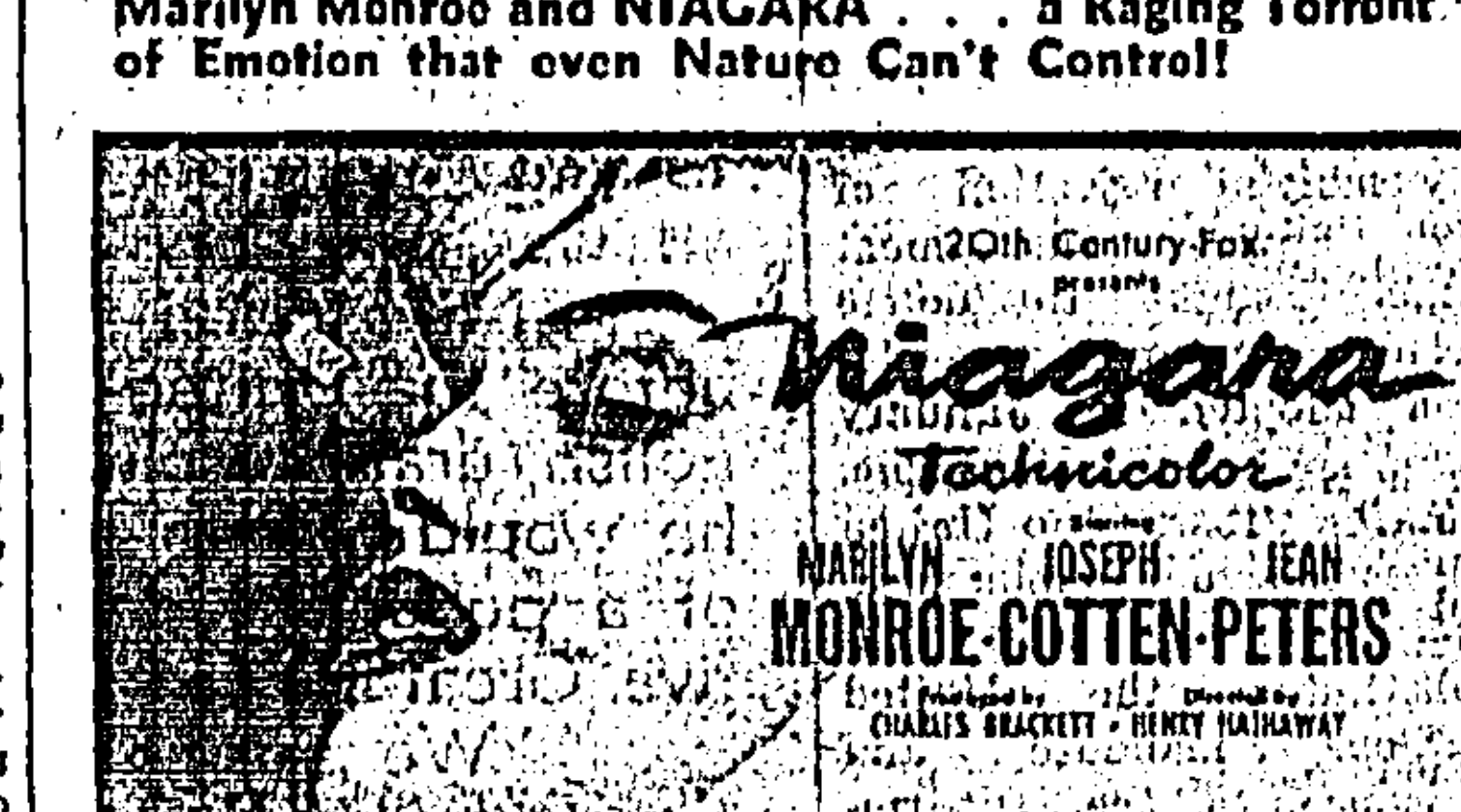
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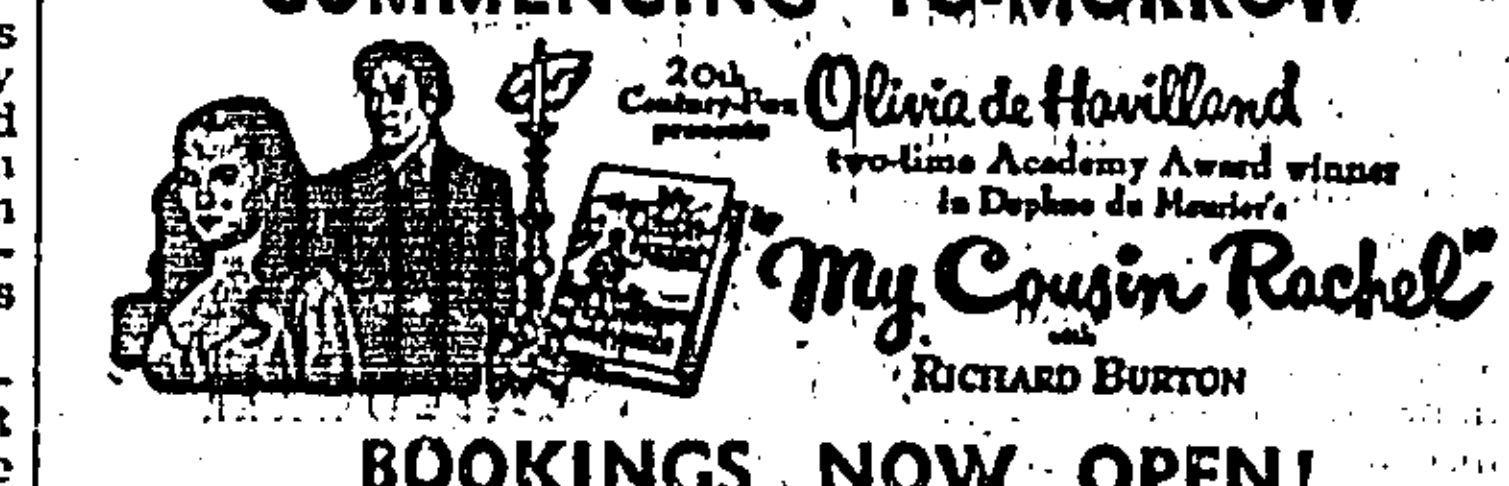


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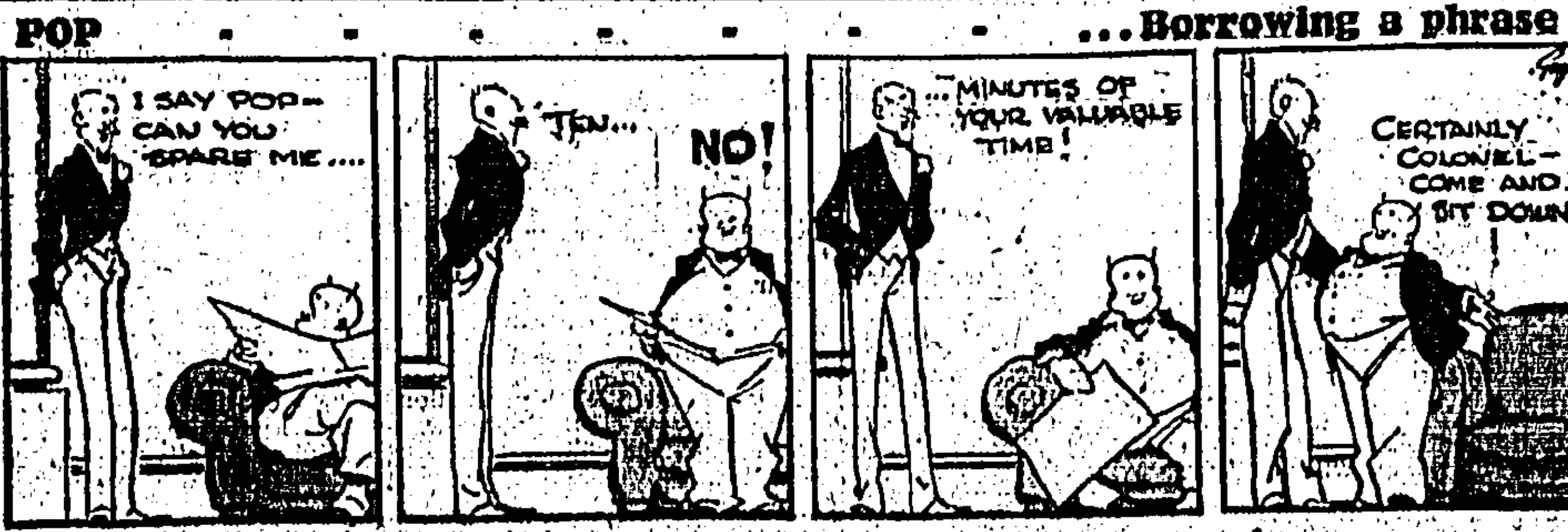
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Too Early To Decide Soviet Policy Has Taken On Basic Change

Berlin, Apr. 9.

Moscow is a city of well-fed, happy people who "want peace", ten American newspaper executives reported tonight in Berlin upon their arrival from an unprecedented week-long stay in the Soviet capital.

The editors and publishers, led by James L. Wick of Niles, Ohio, agreed in a news conference on this overall impression of the city they were invited to visit at the height of the Russian about-face in the cold war.

NATAL DEFECTION MOVE REVIVED

Durban, Apr. 9.

The ranking leader of Natal quietly resigned from the opposition United Party to step up resistance against Prime Minister Malan's Nationalists, it was learned today.

He is G. Heaton Nicholls, until recently United Party leader in the Union Senate and one-time South African High Commissioner to Britain.

Friends said his resignation probably will be announced officially after the general election.

Nicholls has kept out of the opposition's electoral campaigning.

His resignation highlights differences among the anti-Nationalist forces which are expected to result in new political developments in South Africa.

One extreme school has long been ready to support an active split in the Union movement, convinced that no political force can stop Malan's Dutch-descended Boers from setting up a despotic Afrikaner Republic outside the British Commonwealth.

Let Natal and the rest of the land stop getting in each other's hair," they say in effect.

The other three Nationalist-dominated provinces of the Union—the Transvaal, Cape, and Orange Free State—have breached the 1910 compact which bound them.

Let us then ensure Natal at least remains a free and trusted member of the Commonwealth, and let the rest of the country go its way."

Nicholls is believed to be in touch with this group.—Associated Press.

"We got a very strong impression that there has been a very important change and we hope a real softening in the Russian attitude toward the West," Wick said.

"We saw a low standard of living among the people but they appeared happy and well fed."

Eugene Simon, of the Tarentum Daily News, added: "You had to be there to fully appreciate how we were treated, but it is much too early to say if a basic and substantial change has been made in Soviet policy."

Stalin's name still is on every tongue, and he is "still the great hero of Russia," Mrs. Wick commented. Her husband added that the guide credited Stalin with "just about everything" on their tour of the Red Square.

The guide, a woman, said Stalin "discovered a new economic law and that is the standard of living always increases under Socialism."

It is forbidden in Moscow to refer to the Malenkov regime as "the new government."

"It is regarded only as a continuance and there is never any reference to any sudden or startling change," Wick said.

RELUCTANT TO TALK

The guides assigned to the group were reluctant to talk about the developments which followed quickly on the death of Stalin. One of them, however, emphasized that the release of the Soviet doctors and their public exoneration "showed that the government tells us the truth."

Mrs. Jane S. McIlvaine described Moscow as a "city of fences and sometimes what is behind the fences is not pretty." "Not all we saw was a bed of roses," she said. "We were allowed to see only the best streets."

Mrs. John H. Biddle said she was told one construction project which was not fenced off was the only one Moscow residents had seen so exposed.

She did not know if this was done because the Americans were there but the work attracted a big crowd of curious citizens indulging in sidewalk superintending, perhaps for the first time.

Miss Rebecca Gross said Moscow had its share of slums but many old wood shacks are being torn down to be replaced by brick and steel. Window-shopping, she was impressed at the display of foodstuffs in some of the government stores until on close inspection she noted that

the cheeses, hams, fruits and some bread were artificial. Nevertheless, Mrs. Gross said, the average Russian worker who earns anywhere from 800 to 2,000 rubles a month can buy two pounds of bread for one ruble.

Generally rents were very low, about five percent of income, but clothing is expensive.

Asked if they saw "symptoms of dictatorship" in Moscow, the editors nominated Mrs. McIlvaine to answer and she said bluntly: "Yes."

None of their stories nor broadcasts were censored, they said, but some of the copy of the permanent Moscow correspondents writing about them was here and there. Biddle said he saw one story censored which referred to the effect of the Soviet switch as being felt in every nook and cranny of Russia.

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President Eisenhower with the French Premier, M. Rene Mayer, and other members of the French Cabinet, aboard the Presidential yacht "Williamsburg" in the Potomac River, Washington.—(London Express Photo).

Prince Bernhard Thanks Britain

London, Apr. 10.

Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, President of the Dutch National Disaster Fund, has sent an open letter thanking all those in Britain who helped the Netherlands in the recent flood disaster.—Reuter.

How To Fight Atom Bomb Film In London

London, Apr. 9.

A British film on how to fight the atom bomb was shown to the press here today.

Primarily for the training of civil defence workers the 50-minute film gives a cool, calm and correct picture of what happens when an atom bomb hits a modern city.

Canada and other British dominions have already asked for 30 copies. The United States is also interested and orders are coming in from many European states.

Before it was shown today Sir John Hodsoll, British Director General of Civil Defence Training, commented: "There are no dramatics about our film. There is no love interest. It is a plain, straightforward and unvarnished tale. It leaves you with the feeling that civil defence can do a great deal to remedy the effects of the bomb."—Reuter.

The law, which can be invoked any time, provides for a call-up of all able-bodied men between the ages of 18 and 35, and all reserves. The armed forces of Laos presently number about 13,000 men but the total might be increased to about 50,000 to 60,000 under general mobilization.

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MacArthur Thought Korea War Would End In 6 Months

Washington, Apr. 9.

The former Army Secretary, Mr. Frank Pace, Jr., said today that the major reason why ammunition production was not pushed in the first six months of the Korean war was General Douglas MacArthur's "considered judgment" that the war would end in December 1950.

Mr. Pace made the statement before the Senate Armed Services sub-committee investigating reports of serious and long-standing ammunition shortages in Korea.

He said it was the "considered judgment" of both Washington and the Far East Command that "that particular war" would end six months after it started in June 1950.

Pressed by Senator Harry Byrd (Democrat) to specify who held that belief, Mr. Pace replied: "General MacArthur."

Furthermore, he said, he also gained this "general impression" from attending famous Wake Island conference in October 1950, at which President Truman and General MacArthur discussed the Far Eastern situation.

The testimony apparently raised the possibility that General MacArthur himself might be called for testimony in the munitions inquiry.

"It was general thinking in October and November in all areas in Washington and the Far East that the war would be over by December," said Mr. Pace.

He said the general impression I got at Wake Island was that the Chinese Communists entered the war in late October, 1950, a development which General MacArthur later stated had actually brought about a new war.

ONE YEAR LATER Senator Byrd insisted that even in 1950 the ammunition situation was "critical" because the Army was depleting munitions stockpiles at home. He told Mr. Pace that not until October 1951 did the military realize that it faced a "critical" shortage.

Mr. Pace repeatedly insisted that it was not "lack of desire" to place ammunition orders but "lack of capacity" to produce shells which brought about the serious situation. He also testified that General James Van Fleet's reports of serious Korean ammunition shortages were never called to his personal attention.—United Press.

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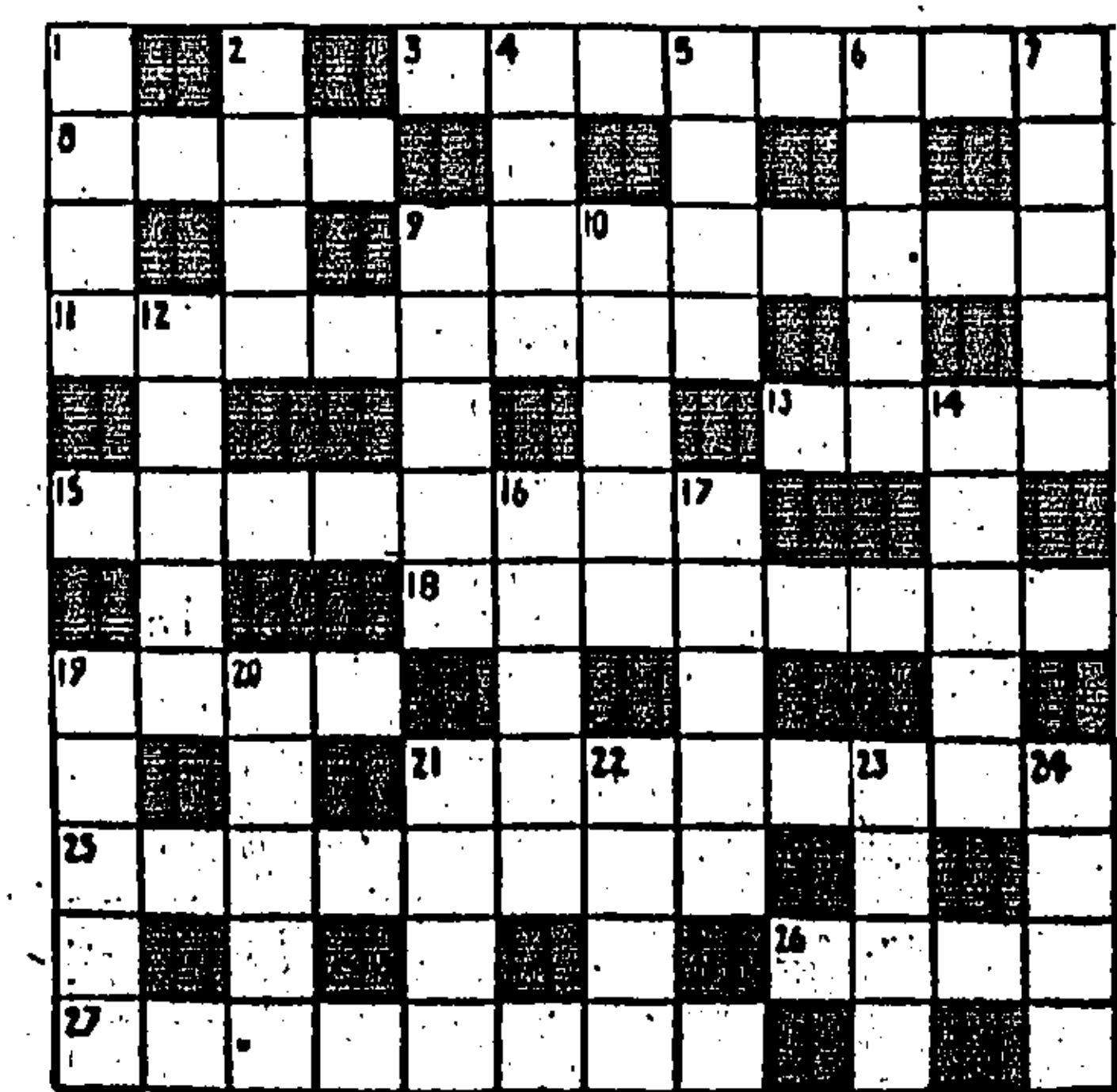
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3 Alarmed (8).
8 Eager (4).
9 Die the same (8).
11 Sailors (8).
13 Press (4).
15 Temperate (8).
18 Platter (8).
19 Assist (4).
21 Trespasser (8).
23 Solidarity (8).
26 Plunder (4).
27 Ran away (8).

DOWN
1 Unruffled (4).
2 Nervous (4).
4 Domesticated (4).
5 Decays (4).
6 Subsequently (8).
7 Trick (8).
9 Lifeless (8).
10 Angry (8).
12 Solitary (8).
13 Birds (8).
16 Stadium (8).
17 Way in (8).
18 Damp (8).
20 Flowering shrub (8).
21 Detail (4).
22 Accurate (4).
23 Destiny (4).
24 Ceremony (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Concur, 4 Roots, 7 Animated, 8 Inane, 9 Pallor, 11 Essence, 13 Corrode, 15 Leader, 18 Colon, 19 Ascriber, 20 Eagle, 21 Sleepy, 23 Dwarf, 25 Clasp, 26 Camel, 27 Retired, 4 Radiant, 6 Outlined, 8 Scholar, 10 Lording, 12 Society, 13 Cackle, 14 Orange, 16 Alike, 17 Rusty.

Israel's Foreign Minister Visits Eisenhower

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He declined to elaborate, but said the matter did not come up at his meeting with Eisenhower.—Associated Press.

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Seaman Freed After 6 Months

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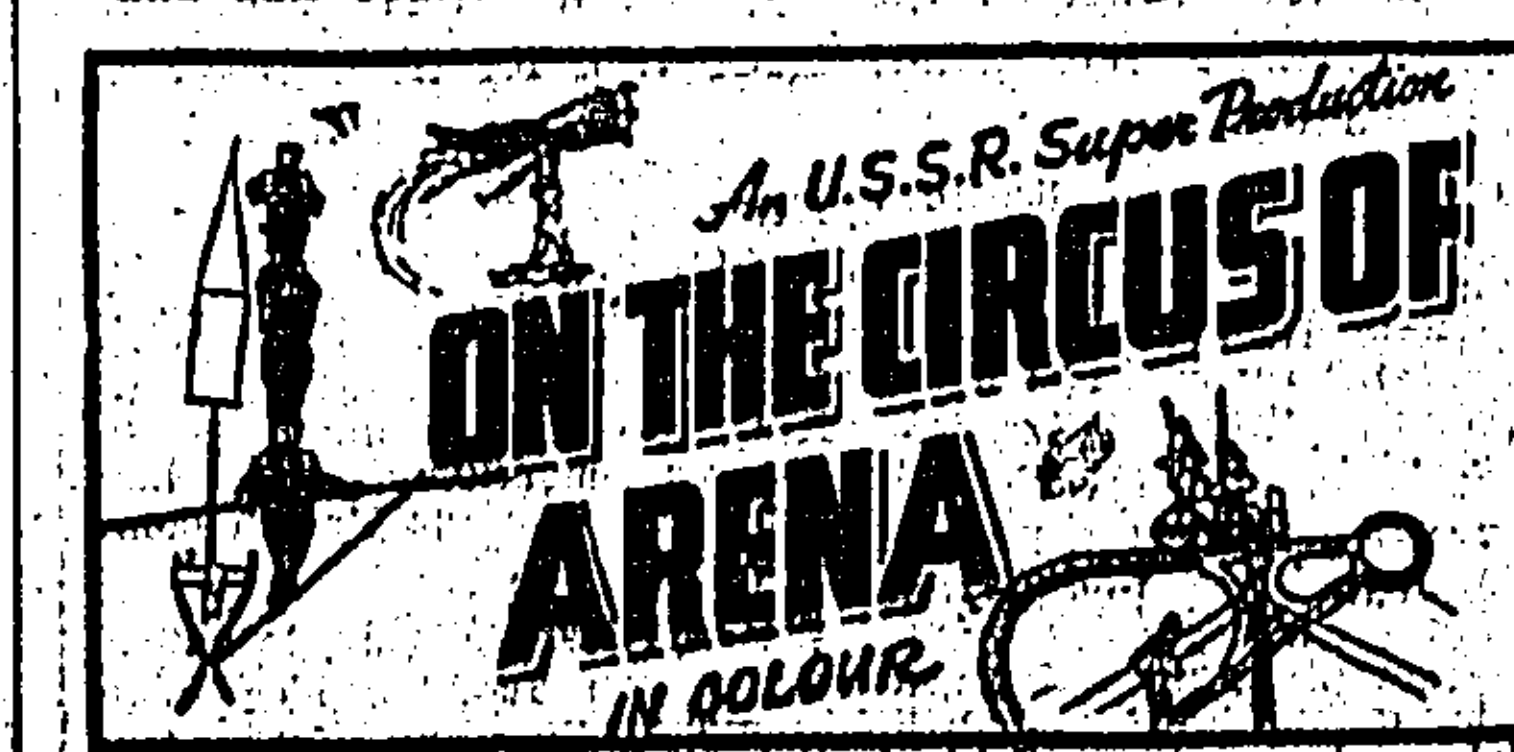
George Edward Robinson, 27-year-old British seaman, recently freed from a Russian prison, returned to England today in an RAF transport plane from Berlin.

He was released under the Soviet amnesty on April 2 after serving six months of a 12-month sentence for "hoaxing."

Robinson was arrested while serving as a crew member of the Swedish ship "Freden."—Associated Press.

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• BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

MANY who are alarmed at the disappearance of agricultural land are suggesting that enormous high blocks of flats would take up less space than small houses.

They call this building upwards, but for reasons obvious even to the most obtuse, it would not apply to airports or dirt-tracks. My Committee, having considered the matter, has decided that the solution is to build downwards. In our view, the solution is to build downwards. In our view, the solution is to build downwards. In our view, the solution is to build downwards.

Marginal note
ONLY the public-spirited inaction of the Socialists saved poor little me from a worse fate. Now that the vindictive action of the Tories forces him to him as compensation, I am glad to see the Socialists were to open a subscription list for him, to get him on his feet again.

Nothing to do with me
I HAVE read some odd definitions of simplified spelling. The oddest comes from an old book. It says that the idea is that children should learn the new spelling for reading, but should use the old spelling for writing. This is a very good idea, but it is not a new one. It is a very good idea, but it is not a new one.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

BORN today, the stars have given you exceptional natural talents. Whether they be in the way of good looks, or in the way of a great voice, or in the way of a great mind, you are a very special person. You are a very special person.

You are an ardent campaigner for any cause in which you honestly believe. Selling goods or ideas—come naturally to you. You are a very special person. You are a very special person. You are a very special person.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20) — Extreme emotional expressions — toward optimism or pessimism are to be avoided. Make good progress. **Taurus** (Apr. 21-May 21) — Pay a call on someone you may not have seen for some time. You can bring happiness to a shut-in. **GEMINI** (May 22-June 21) — It sometimes helps to discuss your plans with someone else. Pick out one who can give good advice. **CANCER** (June 22-July 23) — Some minor changes in your home or office environment can be inaugurated very successfully now. **LEO** (July 24-Aug. 23) — He on your guard against emotionalism. If you are a high strung, try to be calm to balance things. **VIRGO** (Aug. 24-Sept. 23) — Now is an auspicious time to make your request for a favour. It is likely to be granted willingly. **LIBRA** (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) — Daydreaming won't get you anywhere today. This is a time to be eminently practical in all you do or say. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 23) — Get all your necessary work done by noon and you can utilize the afternoon and evening for fun.

DUMB-BELLS

THIS CABLEGRAM MUST HAVE TRAVELLED AT TERRIFIC SPEED: IT CAME ALIVE FROM AFRICA AND WHEN I OPENED IT THE GLUE ON THE ENVELOPE WAS STILL MOIST!



WHAT'S HER LINE?
SADIE H. WATERS
Rearrange the letters to spell her occupation.
(Solution on Page 10)

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Do Some Planning To Win Bridge Trick

NORTH			
♠ Q73			
♥ 943			
♦ 8742			
♣ J05			
EAST			
♠ J10052			
♥ K8			
♦ J103			
♣ 1092			
SOUTH (D)			
♠ AK			
♥ AJ0			
♦ AKQ			
♣ AQ43			
North-South vul.			
South	West	North	East
S.N.T.	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—	♥ 5		

By OSWALD JACOBY

TODAY I will discuss bidding according to the point-count method so that beginners and average players can see how the experts bid. Just in case you're not familiar with the point-count, here it is: count 4 points for each ace in your hand; 3 for each king; 2 for each queen; 1 for each jack.

There are 10 points in each suit, and 40 points in the entire deck. You and your partner usually need 20 points to make a game; 33 points for a small slam; 37 for a grand slam.

In today's hand, South's opening bid of three no-trump shows a count of 25 to 27 points, with balanced distribution and stoppers in all four suits. Many good players would be tempted to open the hand with a bid of two diamonds, but the final contract would still be three no-trump.

West opens the five of hearts. East puts up the king, and South must plan his play carefully. South can expect to take eight tricks in his own hand, but the ninth trick is hard to find. South cannot get to dummy in order to cash the queen of spades or to try a club finesse.

South might plan to hold up the ace of hearts as long as possible and then try to develop a club trick. This would work if East had the king of clubs, or if West had only a four-card heart suit. As the cards lie, however, this plan would allow West to take a club and four heart tricks, which would defeat the contract.

South can make his contract without hoping for luck. He refuses the first heart trick, but wins the second. He must then cash the two top spades and all four diamond tricks. Having done so, he gets out by leading the jack of hearts—thus making West a present of the rest of the long heart suit.

The defenders are thus allowed to take at most four heart tricks. When West goes through with his hearts, however, he will have to lead a black suit. If he leads a spade, dummy's queen will furnish declarer's ninth trick. If West leads a club instead, declarer gets a free finesse for his ninth trick.

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been:
South West North East
1 Heart Pass 1 Spade Pass
2
Hearts A-K-Q-J-10
Clubs A-2. What do you do?

A—Bid three clubs. You have a count of 15 points in your hand, 2 for the singleton, and 1 point extra for the picture cards in spades. You intend to support the spades vigorously at your next turn, the reason for bidding three clubs on the way is to indicate that you have only a small slam ambition.

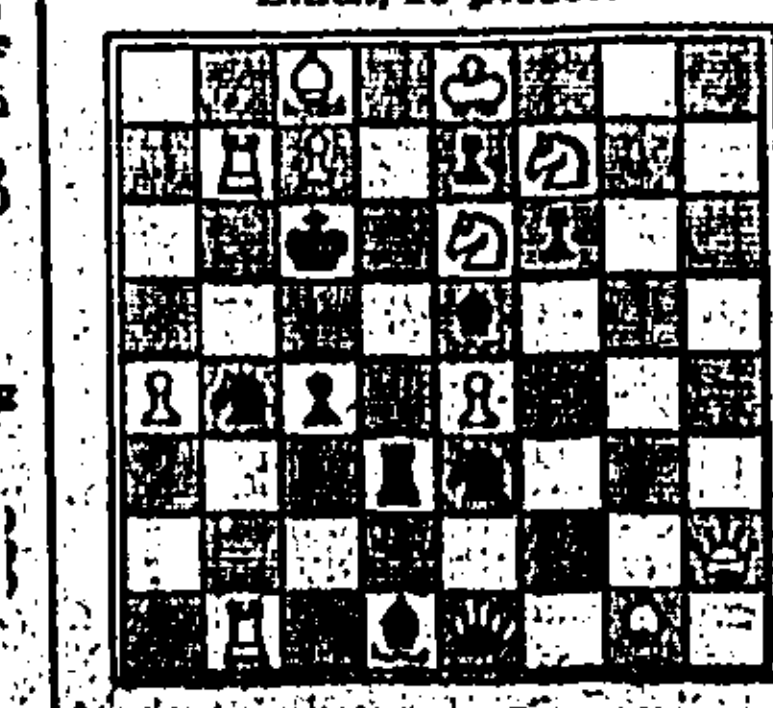
TODAY'S QUESTION

Q—The bidding has been:
North South West East
1 Heart Pass 1 Spade Pass
2 Spades Pass
South, hold: Spades K-J-7-6-5-4-3-2-1
Hearts A-K-Q-J-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1
Clubs A-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

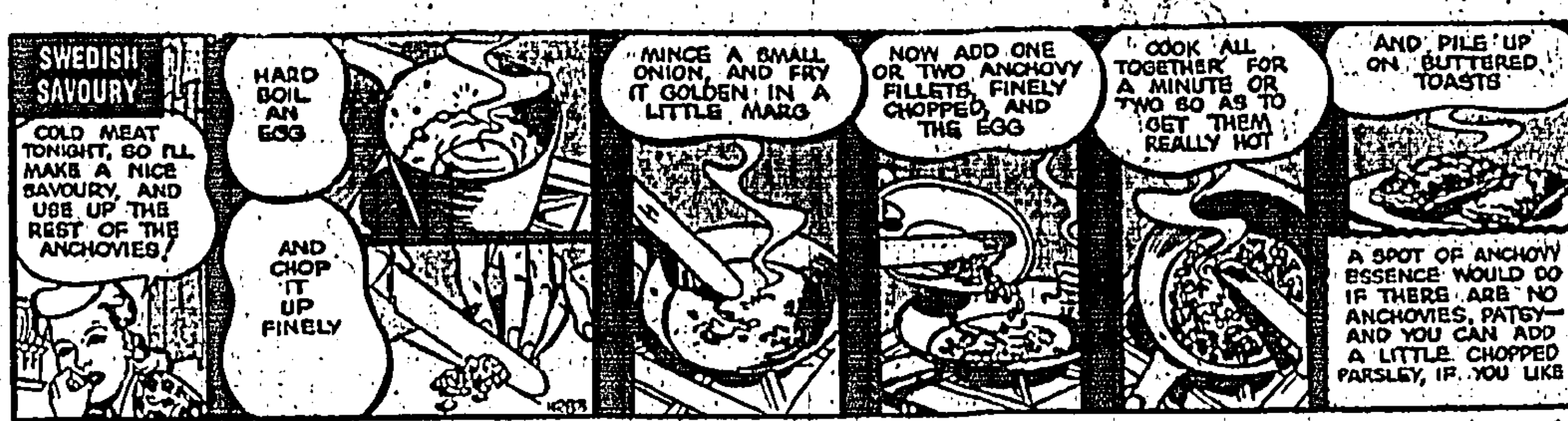
CHESS PROBLEM

By B. SCHLOTTERBECK
(BOF Tourney 68)
Black, 10 pieces.



White, 11 pieces.
Write to play: mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. K-K4; any 2. B-B3; or K-B3.

WOMANSENSE



THE DEBS GROW UP

SEVENTEEN is no longer the essential age for a debutante. Mothers of many of the Coronation debutantes being presented to the Queen, believe girls under 18 are too young to enjoy late nights and grown-up parties.

DENISE RICHARDS, talking to some of these girls, found that many are already 19 or more, and that others will be 18 before the season "officially" opens in May.



ELIZABETH ROWE, 21-year-old granddaughter of the late Archbishop Storrs, of Westminster, was christened in Westminster Abbey. She has spent three years at Oxford, has her BA, and in May returns to take her teaching diploma. Then she goes to Croydon High School to teach English. "I shan't be able to do the season, but I couldn't put off being presented any longer," she says.

While in London she stays with her godmother, Mrs. Norman Adams, at Chapel Street, Belgrave.



THALIA GREVILLE-COLLINS, 19-year-old daughter of company director Mr. William Greville-Collins, will be having her second "season" this summer. She was in Ontario for the Canadian season last November. There she worked as a model, sales-girl and comparison shopper. Now she divides her time between her family's Park Lane flat and 17th century house at Castle Combe, Wiltshire. Her coming-out dance will be for 200 guests at the Dorchester on June 3.



SARAH PARSONS, 18-year-old daughter of the first Baron Bethell, is one of the few debutantes who do not want to "go out to work." Miss Parsons took a six months' domestic course after leaving school and sometimes cooks for her parents. But she prefers riding and tennis, spends week-ends at the family's 300-acre farm at Catfield, near Battle, Sussex. In London there are a mews cottage in Mount Row, Mayfair. Sarah is sharing a dance for 400 guests with Susan Wilmore at 44, Grosvenor Square, on June 23.

Featuring Tamale Pie

HERE'S a simple substantial fare:

DINNER
Cottage Cheese Saladettes
Tamale Pie Spinach
Baked Sliced Eggplant
Sliced Peaches Ginger Snaps
Coffee Tea Milk

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TAMALE PIE

Make 1 qt. cornmeal mush; then cool. Rub a 3 pt. heat-proof glass baking dish with butter or margarine. Line with 2/3 of the mush. While the mush cooks, prepare the filling. To do this, melt 2 tbs. butter or margarine in a saucepan. Stir in 1/2 lb. chopped raw beef, veal or lamb, 1/4 c. minced onion, 1 tsp. salt, 1 tsp. monosodium glutamate, 1/2 tsp. paprika, 1/4 tsp. pepper and 1/2 tsp. enriched flour. Brown thoroughly. Mix in 1 c. minced or fresh tomato. Add 1 tsp. minced parsley. Slow-cook 3 min. Spoon into the baking dish. Garnish with 6 sliced stuffed olives. Spread over the remaining mush to make a cover. Brush with milk; dot with butter or margarine; bake 35 min. in a hot oven, 400 F.

GRAPE CONSERVE

Strip the skins from 3 lbs. ripe grapes. Bring the pulp to a boil; simmer covered 5 min. Then rub through a strainer. Grind the grape skins and add to the pulp. Measure 4 c. of this mixture into a large saucepan. Add 1/4 c. lemon juice, 1 tbs. grated lemon rind, 1 lb. raisins and 1 c. finely-chopped nuts. Add 7 c. sugar. Place over a high heat; bring to a full rolling boil and boil hard 1 min. Stir constantly. Remove from the heat and stir in 1/2 bottle liquid fruit pectin. Skim off any foam with a spoon. Then stir and skim by turns for 5 min. to cool slightly and to prevent the fruit from floating. Ladle into sterilized glasses. Cover at once with 1/2 in. melted paraffin.

Household Hint

The composition tops of metal furniture are best cleaned by rubbing with a rag dampened in alcohol. Then go over with a dry cloth. A wax polish applied once a month will protect the surface and give a nice finish. For a high gloss on chrome finish, use a mixture of alcohol and whiting.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Blackie Beetle's Locked Out

—But Hanid Finds Him a "Key" to Get In Again—

By MAX TRELL

IT was such a cold night that Hanid, the shadow-girl with the turned-about name, didn't expect to find anyone outside at all. (Shadows, fortunately for them, never mind the cold. They're so thin that the cold just passes through them and comes out the other side. It's one of the nice things about being a shadow.)

Peered Under

"There now! Jump harder on the other side, Blackie!" said one. "No! It isn't loose on this side yet!" said a second, peering under the rock. "Jumping on it won't do any good," said a third. "You've got to push it. Do you hear, Blackie? You've got to push it!"

"He lived under it," the beetle answered. "He left it a little while ago to go out and get some dinner. When he came back he found it locked tight. Now he can't get in."

Stopped Jumping

"Maybe it can't get locked," said Blackie, as he stopped jumping on the rock, and came over to Hanid, "but just the same it did take a look at it. See if you can open it!" Hanid went over to the rock and took a look. "It's frozen to the ground," she said. "I don't care what you call it," said Blackie. "AM I know it's that I can't get in."



Blackie was jumping up and down angrily on top of a rock.

"Pull!" she urged. "Pull hard, er!"

Finally there was a cracking sound and the rock began coming up. Blackie scurried under it.

"Thank you, Hanid! Thank you everybody!" he called from below. "Never thought I'd see the inside of my house again. Leave that key outside. Can't tell when I might be needing it."

"He means the twig," said Hanid to the other beetles. Suddenly they all scattered. "Say—we forgot all about our houses! Maybe they're locked, too! We'd better find more keys!" —we'd better find more keys!

Rupert and Morwenna—19



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GEORGE WHITING'S COLUMN

The World Champion Watcher Of International Sport

Desmond P. Brady dropped in last week. And if you have never heard of Desmond P., well, that suits the shy but sharp-eyed outlook of a wide-shouldered New Zealander, who, at 29, has become a world champion watcher of international sport.

You, too, could have seen Australians playing cricket in New Zealand, Americans jumping in Japan, men of all nations playing the games of all nations in Finland, and a comprehensive selection of quaint old English sport spectacles in the Mother Country—such fiestas including basket-ball by the Harleins, Globe Trotters and golf by Bob Hope.

All you needed for such a round trip was an infinite capacity for washing dishes. Having boxed, rowed, swum and played rugby back home, Brady, orphan son of a Dunedin grocer, got the travel-urge during a service career that took him in and out of seven countries from New Zealand to Japan, via India and Italy.

ODD-JOBS JOB

An odd-jobs job in a ship's galley carried him to the Olympics in Helsinki, where he thumped life into the muscles of his country's athletes as an honorary masseur—and to Twickenham, Wembley, Stamford Bridge, White City, Lord's and Stretton Ice Rink.

Now, as a physical training instructor in SS Edinburgh Castle, playing between Southampton and South Africa, he saves the Brady wages for a summer tour of European rivers,

and a visit to the 1954 Empire Games in Vancouver. By the time he returns to New Zealand, or Christmas 1954, globe-trotter Brady reckons he will have cast a speculative eye on the sport of at least 30 countries.

A strong, silent, rugby-rowing type, Brady dismisses his plumage as something less than ordinary, and was horror-struck when I suggested he might have formed an opinion or two on the sporting scene in these parts.

HIS TESTIMONY

However, he eventually vouchsafed the following testimony to the performance and prospects of our rough island games:

Cricket.—You can beat the Australians if you take a lesson from South Africa and put your faith in young blood, team

work and smartness in the field.

Rowing.—With your facilities and your boat-builders, you should be the best oarsmen in the world. You are certainly the most stylish. The Americans have no style—but at least they put their oars through the water.

Athletics.—How can you compete with the Scandinavians and their marvellous track facilities? Your youngsters could match the best in the world if they only had more cinder tracks.

Hockey.—Your forwards seem to play too loosely, too individually, and with a lack of understanding of each other's game. We play a very tight game in New Zealand, like the South Africans.

BEST CONTROLLED

Boxing.—Your amateurs, as seen in the Empire Games, and the Olympics, box to a higher standard than any in the world. They also seem to be the best controlled, and certainly the most sportsmanlike.

All of which seems fair enough to a reporter whose sportswatching is strictly professional.

TURPIN V. POWELL?

Manager George Middleton tells me that Randolph Turpin "would not mind" a fight with Dennis Powell, the new British Cruiserweight Champion.

"If we are stuck for a job, it'll do," says Middleton. Do not blame the Turpin camp for this apparently couldn't-care-less attitude. The present cock-eyed situation, brought about by the rule that no boxer may hold two British Championships, is hardly worth serious thought.

Turpin, already Middleweight Champion, had to give up the cruiserweight title, and would have to do so again if he beat Powell—an assignment that would not occasion him too much trouble.

Then, if he sought to qualify for outright ownership of the cruiserweight title, Lonsdale Belt with a third win, he would have to beat the next "stop-gap" champion conjured up by the rule-book.

WORCESTER WATERLESS

You and I may be dusty throated, but the recent drought has brought no wall from Worcester, where the Australian cricketers begin their tour on April 29.

In recent years the Worcester ground at this time of the year has been up to ten feet under water, with swans seeking refuge near the pavilion from the swift currents of the Severn.

Today, the drought has enabled the groundsmen to make several cuttings with the mower, and work began on the pitch on which the Australians will play.

Given fine weather, Worcestershire expect their attendance record, 32,000 in 1948, to be easily beaten. Four rows of terracing and backed seats now almost completely encircle one of the loveliest and most picturesque grounds in the country.

(London Express Service)

LADIES' GOLF AT SHEK-O

A Medal Competition was held at Shek-O Country Club on Thursday. Mrs. Byington won with a nett 69.

Ladies are reminded that there will be a Shanghai foursome against Bagley on May 14 (Guest Day). Players to arrange their own partners. A list will be posted at the Club House.

Bassett Beaten

Washington, Apr. 9. Percy Bassett, world "interim" featherweight champion, was outpointed over ten rounds in a non-title bout last night by Dave Gallardo of Los Angeles.

Bassett, a Philadelphia-Negro, won the "interim" title when he beat Ray Fanechon of France in three rounds in February.

The world title was "frozen" when the holder, Sandy Saddler, was suspended for military service with the United States Army.—Reuter.

Barbados Cricketer To Play For Hampshire

London, Apr. 9. Roy Marshall, 22-year-old bespectacled Barbados and West Indies batting star, has signed a contract to play for Hampshire. He is due to arrive in England on April 21 and though he cannot play in the county championship for two years under a residential qualification, he can appear in other matches such as against Australia, Oxford University and the M.C.C. —Reuter.

FA Team Invited To Australia

London, Apr. 9. The British Football Association were asked today to send an English amateur soccer team on a £20,000 tour of Australia this year.

The invitation has been made by Vivian J. Chalwin, former Yorkshire amateur player, on behalf of the Australian Soccer Association. Chalwin, who has made his home in Australia, is in England on business.—Reuter.



Bryan Marshall—Perhaps The Greatest Ever Grand National Winner

The Grand National is the greatest and toughest horse race in the world. It is the blue ribbon of the turf, and to win it is the ambition of all National Hunt jockeys.

This year this honour fell to Bryan Marshall, and the manner of his twenty-length victory on Early Mist established him as perhaps the greatest ever National Hunt jockey.

Twenty-one years over the sticks is a fine record for any jockey. But Bryan is not just any jockey, and in his case the achievement will forever be one of racing's marvels. For it is a miracle that he is still able even to sit on a horse.

That he does, must be attributed to the abnormal crash-resisting quality of his frame, and the sweeping advances of modern medical skill. You see, Bryan is a sportsman who has literally "crashed" into the headlines.

WIRED TOGETHER

Season after season, the words "Bryan Marshall hurt again" have filled the headlines. He has broken his left arm in four places, both his legs, his thigh, his collar bones (four times) and suffered innumerable smashed ribs. And Bryan admits now to "being literally wired together". Even in bed he has to wear a plastic neckband to rest his injured vertebrae.

As leading National Hunt rider Fred Winter said after the race, "Nobody deserves the honour more than Bryan after all he has been through".

Although his job makes speed-ways and other "daredevil" sports seem as exciting as the vicar's ten-party, Bryan, in his soft "Covington" voice, declares that there is anything extraordinary in the way he makes his living.

"Think nothing of it," he says with a shrug. "I should hate to have to count how many bones I have broken in my time, but it is all part of the business."

"You've got to take a few chances if you are going to be any good at this or any other job. The too-careful fellows never get anywhere. In my case there are always plenty of bones. I think

I've got a few odd ones here and there that are all in one piece.

"I feel fine. If I am unlucky it is not because of broken bones, but because of the tax collector. I don't mind taking risks but I do hate seeing the results of them going into someone else's pocket."

Although Bryan is a veteran jockey of 21 years' experience, he is not a veteran in the ordinary sense. He began his racing career as a lad of 12, as an apprentice to "Atty" Perse. Even at that tender age he had nine years' riding behind him. He claims to have registered his first fall at three, when he and his pony parted company at an Irish meet.

ARTIST IN THE SADDLE

In the saddle Bryan is an artist. He brings to National Hunt racing all the glory and spectacle of show-jumping. In the "National", his horse, Early Mist, jumped with the smoothness of a cat. It almost seemed to purr going over Becher's.

Bryan's style is reminiscent of the immortal Jack Anthony. It might almost be an improvement. Jack was slightly better over fences than hurdles, but Bryan is thoroughly at home over either.

He has a quiet confidence, and refuses to be hustled. Even if behind, he never deviates from his perfect style, for besides his brilliant ability, he has an extremely keen brain, and can sum up a race in an instant by judging the staying power of rival mounts.

Yet all these qualities would have availed Marshall nothing had it not been for his great courage. Few men could have taken so many knocks and come up for more.

(London Express Service)

SCOTLAND HAS ITS MOST PROMISING DISTANCE RUNNER IN YEARS

Scottish Cross-Country Champion Eddie Bannon, by his fine show in finishing fourth in the International at Paris, closed one of the most promising seasons the Scottish Cross-Country Union have had in their 60 years' existence.

Now Bannon's aim is for the Scottish Three Mile Track Championship in June. He may not only win, but set up a record time, for the young Shettleston Harrier is the greatest distance prospect Scotland has ever had.

Len Nicholson, Scotland's smallest speedway rider, will not race again. The five-foot "mighty atom" of the track has been banned from the sport by his doctors.

After a crash at Glasgow's White City last October, Len lay in hospital for months. His life was despaired of by the doctors. "But now," says Len, "I am perfectly fit and would like another go. But all the specialists say 'No'. And quite apart from the doctors, my manager is so scared I might ride again that she will not allow me even to mention speedway in the house, so I think you can now score my name off the list."

LEFT HOOK WANTED

Peter Keenan, British Bantamweight Champion, is searching the country for an up-and-coming bantamweight—or featherweight—with a good left hook.

The reason is that Maurice Sanderson, Keenan's opponent at Fitchell on April 22, is a left-hook specialist.

Peter is not satisfied with his defence against the punch and

is to devote much of his training to improving it.

Keenan has met the Frenchman before. Eighteen months ago they fought and drew over 10 rounds at Paisley.

Johnny Best, American soccer referee who will officiate at the Yugoslavia-Wales International at Belgrade on May 21, arrives in Freetown on April 24. Whilst in Britain he will watch the England and Scottish Cup Finals.

F. Mihalic, Yugoslavia's International Cross-Country Champion will run in a special three-mile race at the Glasgow Highland Games in May.

His appearance at the visit of a host of international stars to Scotland this season.

Five American Indoor Champions are scheduled to appear at the Glasgow Police meeting on June 13.

They are pole-vaulter parson Bob Richards; Olympic 400 Metres Champion "Mud" Whitfield; half-mile Don Gehrmann; miler Fred Dwyer; and sprinter Johnny Haines.

(London Express Service)

TURPIN V. HUMEZ

French Regard BBBC Decision As Too Precipitate

Paris, Apr. 9.

The decision of the British Boxing Board of Control recognising the Randy Turpin-Charles Humez fight as counting for the world title was considered by French boxing officials to be "rather precipitate".

Emile Cremaux, President of the French Boxing Federation, told Reuter "this decision of the BBBC is rather hasty. The European Boxing Union has a meeting here in Paris on May 2 and 3 to which Messrs. Barton and Christenberry, representing the two American boxing boards, have been invited.

Gordon Richards And Danny Maher 'Dead-heat' As The Greatest Jockey Says JAMES PARK

The early years of this century were a vintage period for the birth of high-class jockeys. Harry Wragg was born in 1902, Gordon Richards and Charlie Elliott in 1904, Charlie Smirke in 1908.

Elliott and Smirke were apprentices together at Epsom. Elliott's first master was Jack Day there. That was before his indentures were transferred to Jack Jarvis at Newmarket. The two Charlies have been friends ever since.



Surprises In Table Tennis Championships

London, Apr. 9. Surprises were plentiful in the English Open Table Tennis Championships which were continued at Wembley last night, five stars being eliminated from the men's singles.

The former world champion, Richard Bergmann, holder of the title, lost to George Roland, Belgium's No. 1 by 21-17, 21-15, 21-14, 21-15 after a magnificent third round struggle.

Bergmann thus lost his chance of becoming the first player to win the title six times.

Rene Rochoff, French champion and one of the world's leading players, also lost in the third round. He went down for the second year in succession to Alan Rhodes, a 20-year-old English international.

Rhodes won by 21-11, 21-17, 21-13.

In the first round, Max Rankin, of Austria, one of the top seeds, lost to Lionel Kerrlake, a 47-year-old Exeter clerk, by 21-14, 21-20, 21-17.

Aubrey Simons, a member of England's successful Swaythling Cup team in the world championships in Bucharest recently, was knocked out in the second round by Brian Merrett of England, who won by 19-21, 21-18, 20-22, 21-18, 21-15.

A former holder of the title, Alex Ehrlich, a former Pole now playing for France, was eliminated in the third round. He lost to Michael Thornhill of England 21-18, 21-19, 21-17, 21-19.

Final Acceptors For Newmarket's Free Handicap

London, Apr. 9. Seventeen final acceptors for the three-year-old Free Handicap, running over seven furlongs at Newmarket on Thursday, April 16, were published here today.

Weights have been raised four pounds all round and the acceptors with revised weights are: Cyrus The Great (8st.), Devon Vintage (8st. 11), Happy Laughter (8st. 10), Blue Lamp and Blackmore (8st. 9), Blood Test and Nigrette (8st. 7), Good Beauty (8st. 6), King's Mistake (8st. 5), North Light (8st. 4), Vimony and Queen's Flight (8st. 3), Plain Justice (7st. 13), Radar Red and Queen's Bench (7st. 12), Sunset (7st. 11) and Gibraltar III (7st. 10).—Reuter.

On my recent visit to Chantilly I heard Elliott pay a great compliment to Gordon Richards. He said: "You can sit behind Gordon, and when you make your run in the last furlong you think you have him beaten. But then you find he has not been doing his best. From somewhere he finds that little bit extra which can make all the difference."

Gordon does not know when he is beaten; nor do the jockeys who ride against him.

SENSE OF HUMOUR

The other jockeys pull Gordon's leg unmercifully, but he has a wonderful sense of humour, takes the jokes well, and usually has a good reply.

Gordon once told me: "I don't know any thing about horses. My job is riding winners and while I can do that, nothing else matters."

He also told me that when he retired from riding he would never go on a racetrack again. He had no ambition to be a trainer and his only hobby would be watching football.

Much has happened since. Gordon likes shooting, has a shoot of his own and plays golf. I believe that when he retires he will set up a training establishment for his son Peter, who is learning the business under Paddy Fongersand in Ireland. Gordon may not take out a trainer's licence, but I think he will be the stable-manager and supervisor.

DIFFERENT TYPES

About 10 years ago, in the grounds of Dalmeny in Scotland, Lord Rosebery told me: "I have always regarded Danny Maher as the best jockey. Now I am not so sure. The more I see of Gordon Richards the more I begin to think he is better even than Maher. No jockey I have seen has lost fewer races he should have won and none has ever won more races he should have lost."

I think a "dead heat" is the best verdict after comparing Richards and Maher. They were different types. As a tactician Maher had no superior and he could be brilliant. He was one of the most artistic jockeys I have seen. Gordon is more robust, with unequalled "never-say-die" spirit and driving power.

GREAT SCHEMER

Harry Wragg had a different style to Gordon. He was the "scholar".

Once he told me what his tactics would be before a big race that was being broadcast. He did everything exactly as he had predicted. I said to him: "You should have broadcast that race before it was run."

Charlie Elliott, too, could play the waiting game as well as any. He had much experience of long distance races during his 10 years in France, and this proved a big asset. It enabled him to ride a perfect race on Supreme Court in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot two years ago.

But it is not always possible to ride a waiting race and Elliott never tried it in the Derby. He was a disciple of Steve Donoghue, who maintained that in the Derby a good position from the start was essential. Elliott always adopted those tactics in the Epsom classic, except on Bois Roussel—and that was because he could not do so.

IRREPRESSIBLE

Irrepressible Charlie Smirke is the most amazing character in my long experience of jockeys. He has an ice-cold brain when riding. The greater the occasion, the cooler he is. He is an opportunist, who decides his tactics on what the other jockeys are doing.

Richards, Smirke and Elliott must soon make way for the younger generation. Then we shall have to acclaim a new champion. There is a wide choice, and off-hand I would not care to name Gordon's successor.

I believe the champion's position may change hands from year to year, but one of the younger generation might prove it.

Monty Neutral

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to go head and shoulders above the others. That is a problem only the future can decide.

I can picture a battle royal between the brothers Eph and Doug Smith, with Manny Mercer rivaling them strongly. None has weight worries. I would not care to choose between Eph and Doug. Their position in the jockeys' table will be governed by their mounts. In ability, neither can say he has something the other has not got. They are of the "pocket-fierces" type, with rare driving power and ability to do the right thing through the race.

NEVER LOOKED BACK

One of the senior jockeys talking to me the other day tipped Manny Mercer as the natural successor to Richards.

Once I thought Manny had got to the stage when he would progress no further. Then, in the autumn of 1951, he began to improve. He has never looked back.

He now has the patience of an "old hand," but does not yet do the right thing automatically. That will come in time, and his best advertisement is that M. M. Bousass and Harry Wragg have been keen to have his services.

HIS BROTHER

The apprentice I expect to make a mark this season is Joe Mercer, brother of Manny.

Joe Mercer is not much more than a fledgling. He has not yet developed the knack of jumping a horse off on the right leg. That will come, but it will be two years before he can take on all comers over any distance. Then he may be as good as Manny.

—(London Express Service)

INTER-CLUB BRIDGE

The following are the results of a Contract Bridge Team of Eight Tournament between the Club Lusitano and the Club de Recreio held at the Club Lusitano on April 7.

Lusitano

First Half—J. A. Remedios and J. E. Noronha, L. A. Ozeiro and J. A. Gili, A. E. Osmond and D. M. Rodrigues.

Recreio

First and Second Half—V. A. Yvanovitch and J. A. Victor, L. M. Rodrigues and J. S. Motta, C. L. Barro and R. F. Pereira, H. J. Remedios and L. D. Almeida Remedios.

Results

	Lusitano	Recreio
First Half	47	33
Second Half	47	33
Total	101	66

The Club Lusitano won the match by 47 I.M.P.

H.K.U. Alumni

First Half—Li Fook-kow and Li Fook-pai, Liang K. Yung, Y. Ho, Agnes Lo and Dr. C. S. Yung, George Y. C. Tsang and Leslie Sung.

Second Half—Li Fook-kow and Li Fook-pai, Li Chiu-chin and Dr. C. S. Yung, Dr. C. S. Yung and Dr. C. S. Yung, George Y. C. Tsang and Leslie Sung.

Results

	H.K.U. Alumni	Y.M.C.A.
First Half	54	18
Second Half	54	18
Total	108	36

H.K.U. Alumni won the match by 83 I.M.P.

AUSTRALIAN LEADS IN GOLF TOURNAMENT

London, Apr. 9. The Australian Rugby League footballer, Bill Shankland, took the early lead from British Golf professionals when the Goodwin Foursums Tournament was resumed at Bonning Berkshire course today.

Shankland, with a fine second round of 72 (143), was joined later by Harry Westman, with a magnificent 69, which also put him on the 143 mark.

But the lead was soon wrested from them when J. R. Jacobs returned a 70 for a two round total of 140 (78).—Reuter.

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SOCCER ON THE INSIDE

(Contributed by Desmond Hackett, Robert Findlay and Henry Rose. Edited by Marshall Fallows)

Roll-up, you clamouring fans, and meet the oddest character in Soccer—the man who has had the temerity to turn down a Cup Final ticket.

Ben Street is the name. This faithful follower of struggling Torquay has not missed an away match this season.

He spends his spare time as an unpaid odd-job man at the Plainmoor ground.

So last week, the directors offered him one of the club's allocation of Wembley tickets for his services to sport.

"What a mis Torquay's match?" he replied. "Not likely."

Jimmy Dickinson, Portsmouth and England left half, is a director of a building firm at Alton (Hants). Co-directors are two old school friends—one plays in local Soccer; the other is a Pompadour supporter.

Dickinson's firm is helping to ease the local housing problem by putting up council flats. Jimmy anticipates a busy time in the Soccer close season.

Manager Jack Smith refuses to listen to any offers for Stan Wicks, Reading's centre-half and skipper.

Says Smith: "I'm building a future promotion side around Wicks. We need him here—and he is quite happy to stay. That's final."

GERMANS REFUSE

American referees Harry Rogers and Earl Waters popped over from Germany, where they are coaching C.V.s, to say "Hello" to London officials.

The Germans refuse to take up baseball, so the U.S. Army boys are learning Soccer in a big way. They visit Nuremberg for three-day courses.

Odds-on favourite for a full England cap is amateur international winger George Robb. Says manager Arthur Rowe of "Spurs": "He's the greatest outside left in the game today. If he played for us regularly he'd be worth a goal a match to Tottenham."

What's more, he'd soon be averaging that scoring rate himself.

Irishman Ray Ferris, Birmingham's number one plug-the-gap man, has figured at centre-half, left-half, inside-left, and inside-right in the past month.

"I've no particular choice," says Ferris. "I enjoy playing anywhere."

Guilp manager Bob Brocklebank, at times, Gilt Merck is away playing for England, and he will have to put Ray in goal!

At least one Scottish selector considers Jimmy Dudley of West Bromwich the best right-half available.

"Babe" Zaharias To Retire From Active Sport

Fort Worth, Texas, Apr. 9. Mildred "Babe" Zaharias, wonder woman golfer and Olympic Games winner, has played in her last competition.

The Star Telegram here announced this today, saying that she was seriously ill and is undergoing an operation. She was operated on last June, but returned to golf in August, winning about \$2,000 by the end of the year.

She won the British Women's Open Golf Championship in 1947, turning professional the same year. She has driven a golf ball 400 yards and during the Championship was outdriving her opponents by as much as 100 yards.

In 1932, she was a dual winner at the Olympic Games in Los Angeles. She established three world records at the Games for the Javelin, Hurdles and High Jump.

It has been estimated that at one time, she excelled in 14 different games and forms of athletics.

She is married to George Zaharias, a former wrestler and now a sports promoter. Together they own a golf club and hotel.—Reuter.

Indian Cricketers In England

London, Apr. 9. Five of India's cricketers, who have been touring the West Indies, flew into London today.

Among them was the Captain, Vijay Hazare, who plans to fly home in three days' time. The others, V. Mankad, G. S. Patil, Chandu B. Umalgar and D. G. Phadkar, are to play as professionals in league cricket this summer.—Reuter.

WEEK-END TEAMS

The following are Club selections for Cricket and Soccer fixtures this week-end.

Cricket

Army "A" v. B.A.F. at Sookun-poo on Saturday at 1.30 p.m.—Major Bailey, Capt. Grant, Lieut. Edwards, Lieut. Evans, Lieut. Steward, Lieut. Farmer-Wright, Lieut. de Cruz, Major Evans, O.N.R. Bonnell, Lieut. Marshall, Capt. Pierce, 12th Man, A.N. Other: Umpire, W.O.I. Cave; Scorer, Sgt. Freeman.

Any one unable to play inform Secretary at Force 44, Transport will leave Queen's Pier at 1 p.m.

Soccer

D.R.C. v. Recreio 2nd XI and B.A.F. 2nd XI in 2nd Division Cricket Matches on Saturday and Sunday.—C. L. Hughes (Captain), T. E. Kingdon, D. Sutcliffe, J. A. W. J. Lewis, W. James, H. Forster, R. Maddox, H. Knapp, G. Harvey, D. L. Back, 12th Man, G. Horley, Umpire, R. R. Cooper, Scorer, N. Horwood.

H.K.F.C. v. B.A.F. v. Tramways on Saturday at Happy Valley at 4 p.m.—Miller, R. McDonald, Viant, Carr, Beattie, Baker, Walton, Ward, Foynt, McGuinness, Vaughan, Reserves: Dickinson and B.A.F.

Bing Crosby Should Stick To Crooning

Says DESMOND HACKETT

Bing Crosby is coming to England. Hurray!... and again Hurray! As a bathtub crooner myself I rate this amiable artist as the top man in the business.

But now I find that Harry Lillis Crosby again intends to enter for the Amateur Golf Championship, which will be played over the Royal Liverpool course at Hoylake in May. Booh!... and again Booh!

May 21, 1950, was a grim day for British golf when crooner Crosby turned St. Andrews, that stately home of this great sport, into an unhappy imitation of Hampstead Heath on a Bank Holiday.

Women who thought that an iron was some domestic instrument for scrubbing laundry ran screaming all over the course, treading through bunkers, stamping their ignorance on the greens, with high-heeled, stampeding shoes.

—Bing Crosby is entitled, like any other golf-minded citizen, to enter for THE Amateur so long as he complies with the rules which set down plainly, but firmly, "I am eligible under the conditions of the championship and of handicap not exceeding three strokes."

If Bing Crosby can play to the three then I am entitled to top the billing at the Palladium.

CLOWNING

Surely the Royal and Ancient Golf Club's championship committee should have decided to cut out the vaudeville acts after Bob Hope had made an ass of himself and a bigger ass of British golf when he clowned around in the Amateur at Porthcawl two years ago?

Hope could no more play down to three than I could hope to lure away Dorothy Lamour with that smooth efficiency which Bob possesses on the screen.

The time has come to cut out the comedians and the crooners and that invasion of elderly American business men who yearly try to fool the R. and A. and themselves—that they are eligible to play for the No. 1 amateur golf title.

Golf is just another game, but through the years it has been conducted with dignity—at least, in Britain.

Come to Hoylake by all means, Mr. Crosby, but be the complete sport and keep off the greens.—(London Express Service)

Japan Buys To Strengthen Racing Stock

Sydney, Apr. 9. Japanese buyers often clashed with Australians in keen bidding at the year end sales here today.

Japan bought eight lots for 12,750 Australian Guineas. This brought Japanese purchases at the sales here this week to about 22,000 Guineas.

Today's purchases included two colts, one for 2,000, the other for 2,500 Guineas.

The Japanese will take the horses to Japan to strengthen Japanese racing stock.

The colts bought today were Belville Wood and Hunters Moon.—Reuter.

CIVIL AID

No. 8. Orders issued by the Hon. C. E. Terry, Commissioner, Civil Aid Services, of April 10, 1953.

Identity Cards—All enlisted personnel given a C.A.S. Identity Card which must be carried at all times while engaged on operations, and must be presented on demand. These cards must be carefully guarded and must be reported at once to the nearest Police Station and to the Civil Aid Office.

The use of a C.A.S. Identity Card by any person other than the person to whom it is issued, or for any purpose not authorised by the Commissioner, Civil Aid Services, is strictly forbidden and will be dealt with most severely.

Zoo Wardens and Controllers are to ensure that this notice is brought to the attention of all personnel.

Chief Staff Officer, Civil Aid Services, 10th April, 1953.

Royal H.K. Defence Force Orders

Serial No. 14. Orders issued by Colonel L. T. Rido, CBE, ED, Commandant, Royal Hong Kong Defence Force, dated April 7, 1953.

REVIEW OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG DEFENCE FORCE. The Commandant wishes to congratulate all ranks who took part in the Review on the standard achieved. The Commandant was particularly gratified by the numbers present on parade and by the spirit, drill, turnout and steadiness on parade.

FORCE HEADQUARTERS

In Unit, HQ, Parade HQ, R.H.K.D.F. Tuesday, April 14, 1953, at 5.30 p.m. Lecture: Dress: Plain clothes. Review: Parade HQ, R.H.K.D.F. Thursday, April 16, 1953, at 4 p.m. Lecture: Film: Dress: As detailed.

ARTILLERY BATTERY, 4th GUNNERY TP. Parade HQ, R.H.K.D.F. Friday, April 17, 1953, at 5.30 p.m. Lecture: Dress: Plain clothes. Parade HQ, R.H.K.D.F. Saturday, April 18, 1953, at 5.30 p.m. Lecture: Film: Dress: As detailed.

PARADE HQ, R.H.K.D.F. Sunday, April 19, 1953, at 5.30 p.m. Lecture: Film: Dress: As detailed.

ORDERS OF THE WEEK—L. D.A.F. Matters. Next day duty: Sign Post: Parade HQ, R.H.K.D.F. Monday, April 20, 1953, at 5.30 p.m. Lecture: Film: Dress: As detailed.

ORDERS OF THE WEEK—Sgt. R.C. Matters. Next day duty: Sign Post: Parade HQ, R.H.K.D.F. Tuesday, April 21, 1953, at 5.30 p.m. Lecture: Film: Dress: As detailed.

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ORDERS OF THE WEEK—Sgt. R.C. Matters. Next day duty: Sign Post: Parade HQ, R.H.K.D.F. Friday, April 24, 1953, at 5.30 p.m. Lecture: Film: Dress: As detailed.

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"PAKHOT"	Tientsin	10 a.m. 21st Apr.
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	5 p.m. 22nd Apr.
"HANYANG"	Djakarta, Semarang, Sourabaya & Macassar	10 a.m. 23rd Apr.
"FENGNING"	Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	8 a.m. 20th Apr.
"FENGTING"	Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	8 a.m. 20th Apr.
ARRIVALS FROM		
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	7 a.m. 13th Apr.
"HUNAN"	Tientsin	15th Apr.
"HANYANG"	Kobe	21st Apr.
"FENGNING"	Kobe	24th Apr.

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"CHANGSHA"	Sydney & Melbourne	10th May
"TAIPING"	Japan	23rd May
ARRIVALS FROM		
"CHANGTE"	Kobe	In Port
"CHANGSHA"	Australia & Manila	18th Apr.
"CHANGSHA"	Yokohama	8th May
"TAIPING"	Australia & Manila	25th May

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Scheduled Sailings to Europe via Aden & Port Said.		
"AUTOLYCUS"	Liverpool & Glasgow	14th Apr.
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"ASTYANAX"	Liverpool & Glasgow	14th May
"AENEAS"	Dublin & Liverpool	24th May

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Sails		
G. "PERSEUS"	Liverpool	12th Apr.
G. "ASTYANAX"	Sailed	22nd Apr.
G. "AENEAS"	do	28th Apr.
G. "PYRRHUS"	do	8th May
G. "TELEMACHUS"	do	13th Apr.
G. "CALCHAS"	18th Apr.	23rd May
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G. "AUTOMEDON"	3rd May	7th June

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"BENMACDUI"	Japan	12th Apr.
"BENARTY"	U.K. via Singapore	13th Apr.
"BENVORLICH"	U.K.	20th Apr.
"BENWYVIS"	U.K.	28th Apr.
"BENAVON"	Japan	7th May
"BENVENUE"	U.K.	14th May
"BENROCH"	U.K. via Singapore	19th May
"BENALBANACH"	U.K. via Singapore	5th June

SAILLINGS

Loading on or abt.		
"BENAVON"	Kure, Kobe and Yokohama	12th Apr.
"BENMACDUI"	Direct to Singapore, thence Liverpool, Dublin, Antwerp and Hamburg.	15th Apr.
"BENARTY"	Genoa, Liverpool, Glasgow and Rotterdam.	16th Apr.
"BENVORLICH"	Singapore, London, Rotterdam and Hamburg.	29th Apr.
"BENAVON"	Direct to Singapore, thence Liverpool, London, Antwerp and Hull.	8th May
"BENWYVIS"	Direct to Liverpool, thence Genoa, Liverpool, Dublin and Antwerp.	18th May
"BENROCH"	Kure, Kobe and Yokohama.	23rd May
"BENALBANACH"	Kure, Kobe and Yokohama.	8th June

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that

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Ordinance (Chapter 10 of the

Revised Laws of Hong Kong), made an Order limiting

the time for creditors and others to

claim in their claims against the

above estate to the 25th day of

April, 1953.

All creditors and others are

accordingly required to send their

claims to the undersigned on or

before the above mentioned date.

Dated the 3rd day of April, 1953.

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MARITIMES

Consignees per Company's

m/v. "REINAM"

are hereby notified that their cargo

is being discharged at the Hong-

kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown

Co's godowns, where it will be at

Consignee's risk and subject to the

Wharf's terms and conditions of

storage and where delivery may be

obtained as soon as the goods are

landed.

Damaged packages are to be left

in the Godowns for examination by

Consignees and the Company's sur-

vivors. Notice Godard & Douglas

at 10 a.m. on Saturday, 11th April, 1953.

To comply with the General

Bonded Warehouse Regulations

Consignees must have a Revenue

Collector in attendance when damaged

goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after

the goods have left the steamer's

godowns, and all goods remaining

undelivered after 12th April, 1953,

will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer

must be presented to the under-

signed on or before 5th May, 1953,

or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

CIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES

Hongkong, 7th April, 1953.

PITFALLS FACE AMBITIOUS MAGSAYSAY

Manila, Apr. 9.

Ramon Magsaysay is by no means a cinch for the presidency of the Philippines. There is a strong chance that he will never get into the race. Magsaysay's successful and dramatic fight against the Communist-led Hukbalahaps won him tremendous popularity with the Filipino people and a good reputation abroad. He is perhaps the best known Filipino in the world today.

Magsaysay's rise in the Philippine Government was meteoric. But while he got things done he did not gain any appreciable amount of political experience and at the same time made some powerful enemies, many of them in his own party. He cannot be sure of getting the nomination of the Nacionalista Party, the opposition group to President Elpidio Quirino's Liberal Party which is now in power.

Powerful Senator Jose P. Laurel, bitter enemy of Quirino, has thrown his support behind the former defence secretary.

DEFECTION

Despite this there are many pitfalls facing the 45-year-old Magsaysay. In addition to his political immaturity, Magsaysay defected from the Liberal Party shortly after his resignation with a scathing blast at his boss, President Quirino. Here, as elsewhere, a political turncoat is viewed with deep distrust.

Magsaysay has a formidable foe in Nacionalista Senator Camilo Osias, one-time Phil-ippine resident commissioner in

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

m/v "ANCHISES"

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed at Holt's Wharf be-fore 10 a.m. and again on April 13 and 14, 1953, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

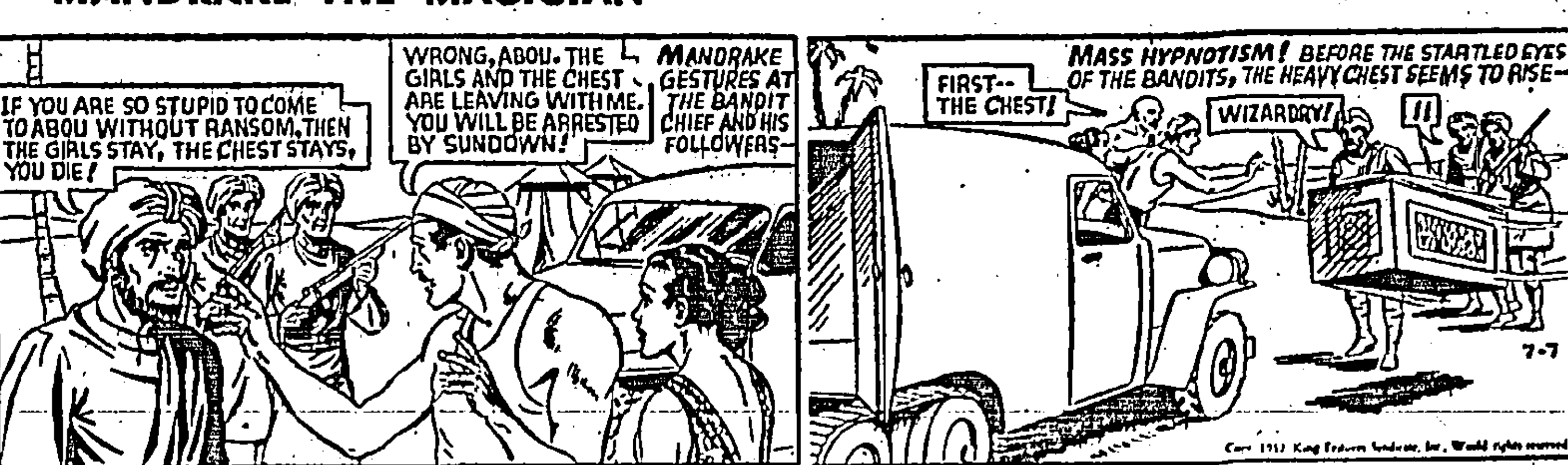
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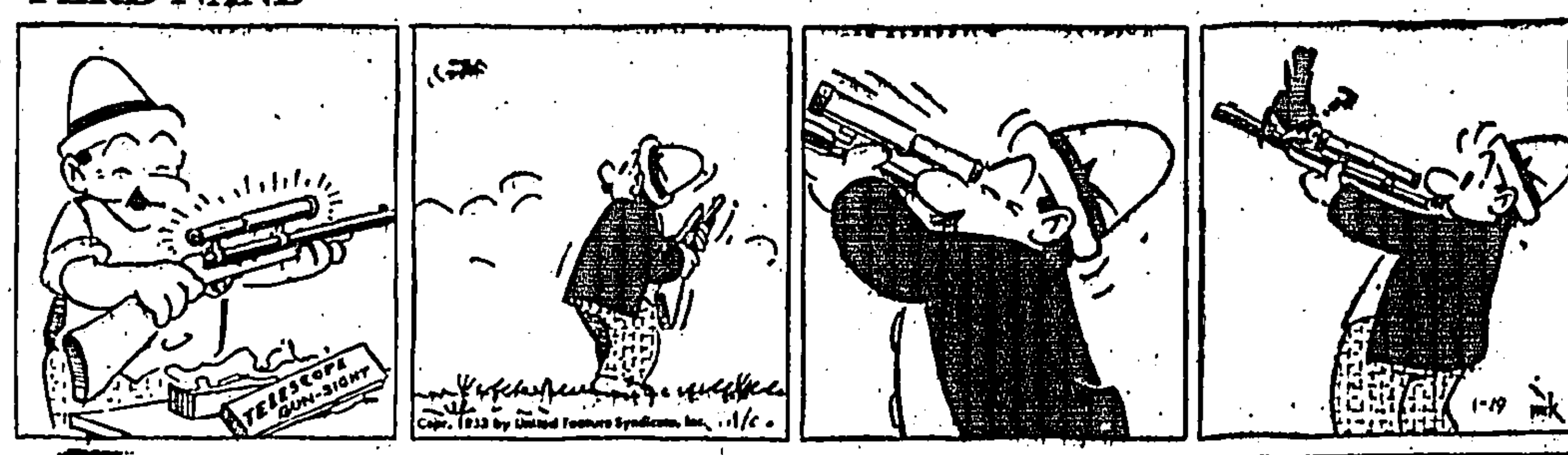
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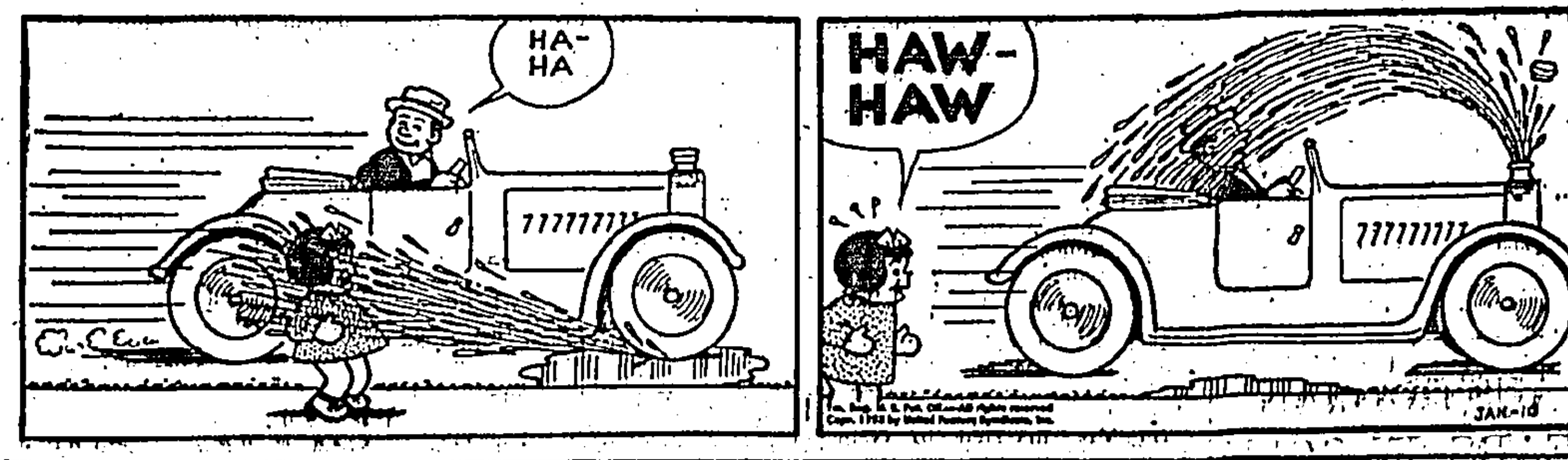
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Leaves Hongkong Due London

"CORFU" 8th May 11th June

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"SOMALI" 24th April Japan

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"SINGAPORE" 4th May Singapore, Penang, Port Said, Aden, Colombo, Bombay, Marseilles, Havre, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hamburg

With liberty to call at Belawan before or after Straits Ports and at Bombay if inducement offers.

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Rapid Expansion Of Japanese Merchant Navy Fleet Expected

Ups & Downs In NY Cotton Market

New York, Apr. 9. Cotton prices today rocked back and forth within a narrow margin of the previous closing levels. Trading moved along at a slow pace with the bulk of the interest still centered in evening up operations in May delivery before first notice day on April 24.

At the close, prices ruled 3 points lower to 4 points higher. May contracts showed the widest swing moving within a 13-point range.

Leading spot interests bought around 2,000 bales of May against equivalent July sales. Market experts thought that the spot months might go to a discount of 35 to 40 points under July unless the demand for spot cotton picks up or the long-awaited export demand actually materializes.

Agriculture Secretary Benson's denial that a subsidy on raw cotton is being considered for the foreseeable future received a double edged interpretation but actually had a little market effect—the denial was disappointing in some directions but other quarters thought that the official statement removed an uncertainty and might encourage buying by foreign sources which have been counting on a subsidy possibility.—United Press.

NY Stock Exchange

New York, Apr. 9. Stocks failed to sustain the rally of the past two sessions today, but their decline was without pressure as trading fell to the lightest level since mid-February.

The volume was 1,520,000 shares compared with 1,860,000 shares yesterday. The drop was in line with the analysts' expectations of a further probing of the recent lows before any sustained advance.

All leading groups gave ground with oils, chemicals, and rails the hardest hit. Industrial stocks over all declined 71 cents, but were down 71 cents and utilities 9 cents.

Chemicals as a group, however, were among the widest losers. Losses in the oils ranged to 2 points. Steels eased with Bethlehem down 1 1/2 to 50 and 3/4, U.S. steel 1/2 to 30. The market was narrow—only 1,147 issues traded. Of these 361 declined, 84 to new lows, 284 advanced and 275 unchanged.

Dow Jones average at the end of the session stood as follows: 30 Industrials 276.23
20 rails 104.43
15 utilities 52.00
40 bonds 95.95
—United Press.

LONDON TIN MARKET

London, Apr. 9. The tin market was steady at the lower levels. Turnover was 60 tons. Prices closed today at the end of the official morning session as follows: Spot tin, buyer 825
Business done at 825
Three-month tin, buyer 827 1/2
Business done at 825-825 1/2
Settlement 830
—United Press.

Bank Of England Statement

London, Apr. 9. The Bank of England statement for the week ending April 8, reads as follows: Notes in circulation £1,817,322,323
Public deposits 35,474,026
Private deposits 35,474,026
Government securities 35,474,026
Other securities 35,474,026
Receipts 35,474,026
Bank ratio 35,474,026
—United Press.

Fall In Grain Prices

Chicago, Apr. 9. Chicago grain and leading commodities edged into a lower ground on slow commercial demand and scattered liquidation after a earlier steeper opening. Wheat closed 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 lower and soybeans were 1/4 to 1 1/2 lower.—United Press.

Tokyo, Apr. 9. Shipping interests here say that Japan, despite a recession in shipping, will continue post war expansion of her merchant navy fleet during the 1953 fiscal year.

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POOR BUSINESS

The Ministry reports that Japanese ships are doing poor business on key international lines compared with foreign vessels because they are much slower.

Japanese ocean-going ships at the end of 1952 numbered 332, totalling 2,847,651 gross tons. Only 23 of the ships aggregating 176,581 tons were capable of running at more than 10 knots. More than half the total had a speed of less than 13 knots. The 23 superior ships were 22 freighters and an oil tanker.

Owners say that lack of high speed ships has particularly affected Japanese services on the New York, European and Australian routes.

Fearing that, if the situation continues, Japan may be forced out of international competition, they have filed applications with the Transport Ministry for construction of 14 high speed ships during the first half of the 1953 fiscal year. Only three were built for Japanese shippers during the whole of 1952 fiscal year.

Of the 14 ships for which applications have been filed, five

New York Rubber Futures

New York, Apr. 9. Number 1 rubber futures closed today 5 to 20 points higher with sales of 29 contracts. Prices closed today as follows: Number 1 rubber Standard.

May 23.40
June 23.20
July 23.20
September 23.20
December 23.20
March 23.20
May 23.20 nominal

Number 3 standard.
May 21.25 bid
June 21.25 nominal
September 21.25 nominal
December 21.25 nominal
March 21.25 nominal
May 21.25 nominal

—United Press.

Singapore Rubber Futures

Singapore, Apr. 9. Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows: Number 1 rubber.

May 60 1/2
June 60 1/2
July 60 1/2
September 60 1/2
December 60 1/2
March 60 1/2
May 60 1/2 nominal

Number 3 rubber.
May 59-61
June 59-61
September 59-61
December 59-61
March 59-61
May 59-61 nominal

Spot rubber, unbleached
No. 1 pale crepe
—United Press.

New Orleans Cotton Futures

Spot 22.65
May 22.65
June 22.65
July 22.65
September 22.65
December 22.65
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WORLD ROUTES

The reason given by shipowners for their sudden interest in world routes are:

1. There is not so much competition in this field as, say, on Japan-New York run.
2. Japanese shipowners who have no prewar records have found it difficult to obtain membership of the Japan-Europe and the Japan-Australia freight conference.
3. There are good prospects that Japanese ships will be able to pick up much freight between the United States and Europe.
4. Japanese shipowners do not have to maintain regular liner services both ways on the round-the-world routes as on the Japan-New York sea lane.

The outlook for small Japanese shipbuilders is not so bright this year. According to shipping circles here, small and medium dockyards are accepting orders at "below cost" prices and to dismissing their workmen when there is no work for them to do.

Twelve dockyards sent in tenders recently for building 60-ton barges and 250-ton boats for the Government. The dockyard which won the contract offered a price one-third to one-half of that quoted by the other bidders.—Reuter.

Korean Truce Hopes Worrying American Business

New York, Apr. 9. U.S. businessmen wish today they knew how a Korean truce would affect their daily lives. They are not alone. Their customers would like to know: So would the Government.

In all three cases, search for the answer goes far beyond the obvious query as to the next move in Russia's "peace offensive."

At first glance, many business leaders see no reason to lose their confidence in a lively and rising civilian demand strong enough in itself to support a healthy economy.

But they still would like to know if the Government will cut down on defence spending and ease the tax on profits; also if customers will continue to buy in volume at present prices.

Consumers wonder if jobs will stay plentiful and if prices will decline or hold steady.

Government officials are interested in whether business will go ahead with plans to spend \$27,000,000,000 this year on new plants and equipment and whether corporate and personal income tax cuts would stimulate enough spending to prevent any serious drop in sales volume, if a business setback occurred.

Opinions on these questions vary; the actual picture will become clear only on day-to-day developments.

Among those disclaiming any intent to trim expansion plans is William A. Price, President of Westinghouse Electric Corp. He says his company's \$300,000,000 expansion programme is geared to peacetime growth and, in the long run, should not be affected by possible changes in the defence production requirements.

Belief is widespread that Korean peace would increase pressure in Washington for a balanced budget and tax reduction, to be accomplished by

Gold Rises In Paris

Paris, Apr. 9. Gold prices rose in Paris today in contrast with the continuing downward trend in other world centres since the Russian peace moves began last month.

Chief reason for the opposite trend in Paris seemed to be the difficult financial position of the Government, shown in today's weekly balance sheet of the Bank of France.

The Napoleon Gold Coin was quoted at 3,720 francs against 3,670 francs a week ago. Black market dollars also rose to 402 francs against 398 yesterday and 390 a week ago.—Reuter.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning was to the value of \$305,605. Noon quotations and transactions recorded were:

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Canton 250
Underwriters 5.40
HSK Fire 154

INSURANCES
Canton 250
Underwriters 5.40
HSK Fire 154

SHIPPING
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K. Wharf 0.15 0.20 400 @ 72 1/2
K. Wharf 11.20 11.30 1000 @ 11.30
Provident 1500 @ 11.30
Shal Dock 1.90
Wheelock 7.53
HSK Hotel 7.40 500 @ 7.40
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HSK Land (O) 54 1/2 55 100 @ 55
500 @ 55

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100 @ 10.10
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TRAMPERS FREIGHT RATES TENDING TO RISE

Tramp shipping freight rates have hardened in some trades recently, but elsewhere conditions have remained steady, says the Shipping Correspondent of the "Financial Times."

There is a shortage of tonnage on the Atlantic seaboard of North America, particularly in the U.S. Northern range and U.S. Gulf loading districts.

This Military Sea Transport Service has taken an additional 23 Liberty-type and six Victory-class vessels from the reserve pool for a period of six to eight months, at \$1,800 a day.

Although no explanation has been given for this move, it is thought that it is either in support of increasing needs in Korea, or a safeguard against another period of inflation in freight rates.

As a result of the ruling that one-half of all cargoes exported under the U.S. foreign aid programme must be carried in U.S. ships, high premiums are being demanded by American owners. Two U.S. ships were booked to carry sulphur from Galveston or Port Sulphur to the U.K. at \$18.75 per 25 tons according to position. These rates compared with \$6.50 paid to a British ship at the end of January.

HIGHER GRAIN RATES

Foreign owners are also benefiting from the present scarcity of tonnage along the Eastern coastline of North and South America. Heavy tonnage demands by U.K. Ministry of Food for loading grain in the St. Lawrence has contributed to this state of affairs.

Since chartering was commenced in early February, U.K. shippers have booked up approximately three dozen vessels, but the cargoes involved are somewhat higher because several carriers are chartered for two voyages. Rates currently paid are on the basis of 11s per ton for early loadings and 10s 6d per ton for the later shipment dates.

In the U.S. Northern Range grain markets a vessel has been booked at 75s per ton for April loading to carry wheat to South Africa, against 61s 6d per ton paid earlier. An extra 6s per ton was paid, at 40s, in covering an order for the Antwerp-Hamburg range.

From the U.S. Gulf grain vessels were fixed for Israel at \$10 and \$10.10 per ton, compared with \$9 in January, while the rate for Trieste has reached a new peak of \$9, or 55 cents per ton more than the "high" recorded earlier in March.

COAL SHIPMENT

A harder tendency has developed in coal shipment rates, with 35s and 34s 6d a ton sought for single and consecutive voyages to Antwerp or Rotterdam, compared with an early March average of around 32s.

A dearth of early tonnage exists in the River Plate and shippers are having to offer appreciably higher rates in order to attract vessels in ballast from their trades. Last week a gain of 10s per ton to 90s was recorded for May-June and June shipment of wheat to India, and 90 cents per ton more, at \$9, was paid for the May voyage to West India.

Pacific coast markets have been quiet in recent weeks, partly as a result of the "six-weeks old strike of grain elevator workers" in British Columbia ports. Many shipping schedules have been disrupted, butting several vessels in a "distressed" position and forcing the owners concerned to accept stop-loss freight rates.

EASTERN BUSINESS

Business in the Far East trades has been practically at a standstill during the past two weeks. This should not be associated with the decision taken by Britain and other countries regarding the shipment of strategic materials to Communist-China and North Korea. While the list of strategic materials has been extended, there is not expected to be any large contraction in the volume of lawful trade with China.

Large quantities of mixed cereals are awaiting shipment from North China ports to Europe, but, as in other areas, there is a shortage of suitable vessels.

Australian shippers have been successful in obtaining lower freight rates by switching into more forward loading positions, they obtained concessions of about 6s per ton. The level of freight rates for Mediterranean ore, phosphate and pyrites cargoes has shown little change.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local monetary exchange market this morning at the following rates: U.S. dollar (per 100) 15.25
Sterling (per 100) 12.10
Indian rupee (per 100) 12.10
Singapore (per 100) 12.10
etc. etc. (per 100) 12.10

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"FELIX ROUSSEL"	17 Apr.	18 Apr.	Manila
"LA MARSEILLAISE"	17 Apr.	18 Apr.	Yokohama
Homewards	Leaves	Hongkong	From
"FELIX ROUSSEL"	22 Apr.	23 Apr.	Manila
"LA MARSEILLAISE"	22 Apr.	23 Apr.	Yokohama
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FREIGHT SERVICE			
Outwards	Leaves	Hongkong	For
"MONEAX"	19 Apr.	20 Apr.	Japan
Homewards	Leaves	Hongkong	From
"MEINAM"	24 Apr.	25 Apr.	Japan
"PEI-HO"	24 Apr.	25 Apr.	Japan
"MONEAX"	24 Apr.	25 Apr.	Japan
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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Strong Medicine

THE words did not at first mean much to the boy. "The sentence of the court," said the magistrate, "is that you be sent for three months to the detention centre."

The boy had heard of probation, Borstal, prison. But what was this the court were doing to him? He soon found out. He presently arrived, with police escort, at Kildington, a flat, untidy place on the outskirts of Oxford.

The policeman led the boy down a long, straight, unsheltered drive, past a community of prefabs, to a gate in a 12ft. wire fence, which was unlocked with much impressive jangling of keys, to admit the pair to a squat group of red brick buildings. These were built in 1939 to be a casual ward, used during the war as an evacuation home and later, a maternity home.

BARRED WINDOWS

Now, the unbecoming buildings, which are euphemistically named Campfield House, and contains no barred windows that open more than five inches, have become Britain's first Detention Centre, a kind of civilian "Borstal," the toughest answer to the young tough that has so far been devised.

Here are sent boys 14-17 years old, for whom long terms at Borstal or approved schools seem unsuitable. There is room for 65 boys, and there were 64 there at the time of my visit. Of these, 41 per cent came from London, the rest from the Midlands and South. Nineteen per cent were first offenders against the law, another 10 per cent had six or more convictions or findings of guilt against them.

From the moment they arrive, to be interviewed by the Warden, a tall, fair-haired man, whose moustache, bearing and energy remind you of a Guards instructor, the boys are kept hard at

work for most of their waking hours under the eyes of 12 disciplinary officers.

SPIT AND POLISH

THE boys' working day starts at 6.20 a.m., with physical training (not on an empty stomach, but on a cup of institutional cocoa, which seems to be the next best thing. It ends at 4.45 p.m., when the boys go to bed.

Between those hours, the younger boys go to school, their elders work in labour squads in the seven acres of grounds within the tall wire fence, or in the kitchens, or the laundry (four boys handle 1,000 articles of clothing a week), or on spit-and-polish jobs about the buildings.

Even for the older ones there are some hours of schooling, and for the younger some hours of labour; all do an hour of gym a day, and periods of citizenship each week. Religious instruction is emphasised, and good manners are insisted upon.

SAME FOR ALL

THE authorities deplore the description "short, sharp, shock treatment," by which the Campfield House has been dubbed. This, they fear, may make a boy brag, when he leaves after his (one month) sentence, that he "can take it."

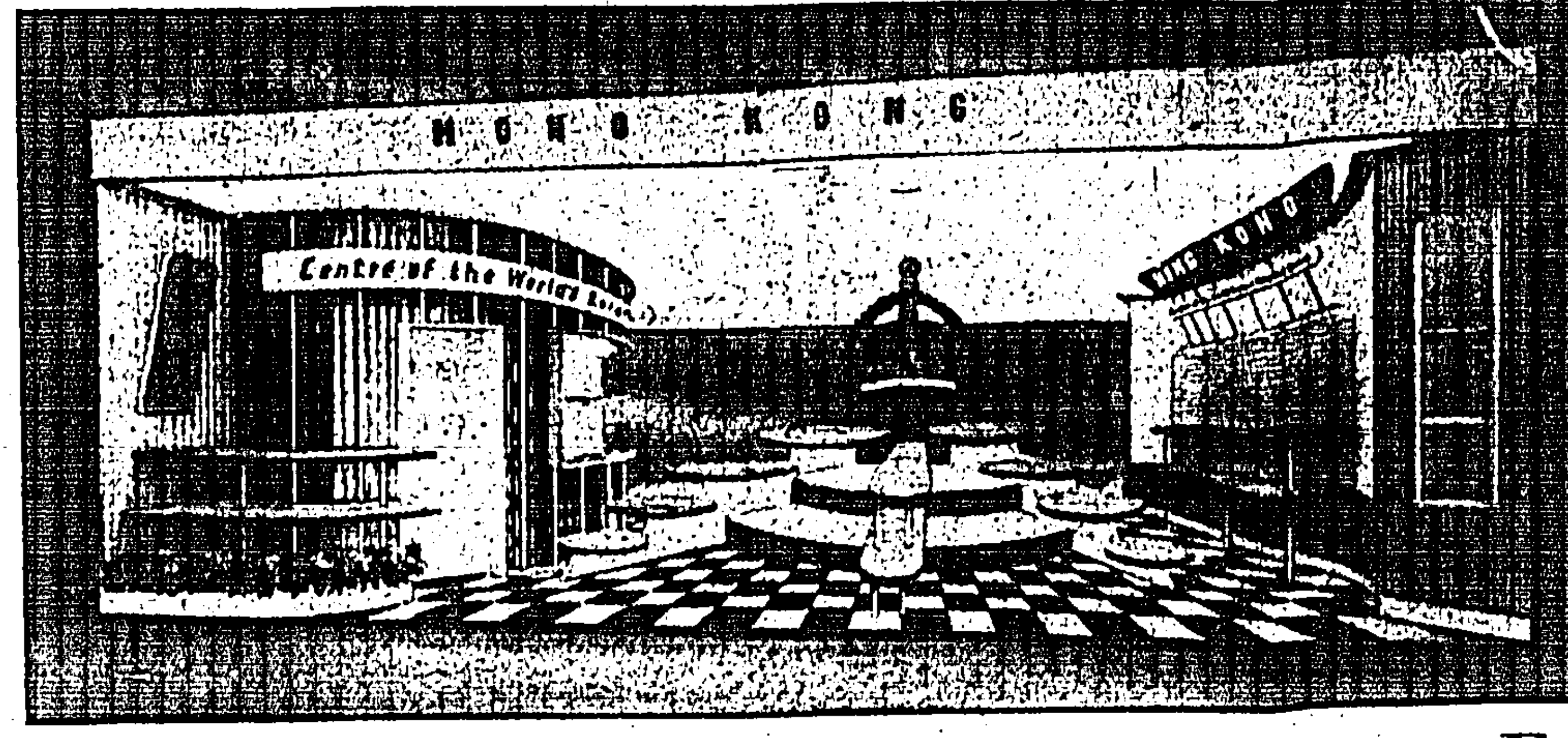
By making conditions the same for everyone, first offenders and young delinquents, they try to see no one has an undue advantage beyond the common experience of all.

A marks system for zeal at work can earn such prizes as remission (up to a sixth) of sentence and pay, up to 1s. 6d. a week. Crimes are punished by loss of remission, fatigue, extra PT, or commitment to a cell-like detention room.

TOO SOON TO JUDGE

IT is too soon to pass judgment on the detention centre. This, the first of several planned, has been open only seven months, and only 10 boys have passed through it.

It seemed to me, watching the silent, unsmiling boys, that they would emerge either with a healthy respect for the law, or with an unhealthy anger against it that might degenerate into contempt and hatred for society. The balance between these two forces of mind is a delicate one, and varies with individuals. I should not like to speculate upon which way it will go for the majority.



Germaine Mounier Again Delights

Sponsored by Alliance Francaise, Germaine Mounier, French pianist, returning from an extensive concert tour in Europe, gave another very successful and brilliant recital last night at the Great Hall of Hongkong University, before an appreciative audience who obtained four encores.

The beauty of the pianist was almost a distraction to the beautiful music which her feet and supple fingers drew from the keyboard.

There was a soaring magnificence maintained throughout, in her interpretation of Beethoven's Waldstein Sonata; a poetic abandon in Liszt's (Hungarian Rhapsody No. 12); grace and decorum in an Eighteenth Century French court. In Fr. Couperin (Ronde and Variations); and a deep understanding in Jean Rivier (Cinq Mouvements Breve).

She displayed a remarkably sensitive touch and a delicacy and nimbleness of fingers which gave exquisiteness to her playing.

A less mature artist might have turned the Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody into poetic hysteria, but the pianist made this much heard composition a new delight and a musical rapture.

Her pianissimo artistry was fully evident in the Campanelle section, where each note was like the exquisite tinkle of a bell.



Germaine Mounier

Her approach to Bach might be said to be "neo-classic." For though the distinctive contrapuntal feature of the fugues (where the entries of the various voices are introduced and the melodic interplay was evident) it was interpreted with unusual feeling. However the effect was still charming.

The pianist must be credited for her introduction of a French Composer rarely heard in Hongkong concert halls. On first hearing, it was not difficult to appreciate the Cinq Mouvements Breve: "Prelude, Caprice, Berceuse, Ronde, Fugue," for like Debussy and Ravel, they were colourful and descriptive and gave plenty of scope for the pianist to display stylistic playing and produce a wide range of keyboard effects of rhetorical eloquence.

AND A COMPOSER

Her encores showed off her musicianship as much as her chosen programme. The Rite of Fire Dance was brilliant, especially with some glistening passages at the end. Prelude No. 3, one of her compositions, inspired by her voyages to the Far East was a music gem. For though brief, it contained poetic essence. The sweet melody and chains of chordal splendour, with a subtle undercurrent of sadness invariably reminded one of Chopin and Debussy. Based on a "Fantasia" she also built up another "bric-a-brac" melody was exceptionally pleasing.

Mounier is not only an accomplished pianist, but a promising composer.

Coronation Theme For Hongkong BIF Stand

London, Apr. 9.

A large reproduction of the Imperial Crown of State will form the centre-piece of the Hongkong stand at the Coronation year BIF in London later this month. (See photo above).

The Crown surmounts the display counters, is made of plastic and faithfully reproduces the colours of the jewels. The drapes are purple velvet.

There will also be a Coronation theme in the exhibits themselves. A special display will show a variety of Hongkong-made souvenirs and other goods bearing Coronation emblems.

The stand is the largest ever built by the Colony in the Commonwealth Section of the British Industries Fair at Earls Court. It covers 825 square feet and again fronts on two gangways, giving a clear walk-through.

Hongkong silk drapes the wall on the left. There will be another "token" exhibit textiles elsewhere on the stand, but the main display of Hongkong cotton yarns and cloths will again be held at St. Ermin's Hotel. This separate exhibition is being staged by the Hongkong Spinners, Weavers and Dyers Associations.

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The BIF opens on April 27 - Our Own Correspondent.

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